

JESUS 2nd COMING ARE YOU READY ?



**What's to Come of this World &
Instructions for you in Case the Rapture Happens
And you're Left Behind**

This letter is from us to you who we dearly love. There is so much we want to tell you and we have labored long over this document praying and trying to communicate to you the most important information that we or you could ever hear. Please take what we have to say very seriously regardless of what you might think about it. Pray and ask God to show you the truth. You may share this freely with others you think would benefit.

This letter is to serve two purposes.

1) If you have not received Jesus into your life as your Lord and Savior we strongly encourage you to consider doing this as we believe there is short time left to do so. We have included a short section at the end of this letter to help you do this.

Isaiah 55:6-7 NKJV Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. (7) Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

2) If we have been taken to be with the Lord then it is our witness to you and explanation of what has and is going to shortly take place according to God's Word the Bible.

We ask you to keep this letter in a safe place where it will be available in the event we have disappeared. If you don't want to read it now it will come in handy if we are just "gone". If you have any questions please contact us now before it's too late. This is something that we deeply believe in. Our entire lives are devoted to waiting for the Lord to return and telling everyone who will listen to prepare also.

The next seven years are going to be the worst that mankind has ever seen. It's not Gods fault, he warned us and provided an escape. We have just been so busy with our own lives that we haven't been listening to Him. The issue is have we listened to God and heeded His warnings. Find the movie or book "Left Behind" it explains everything.

If you are reading this because we are gone then; We have mysteriously disappeared. Millions of people throughout the world have disappeared and there is most likely chaos in the streets. Pilotless aircraft and driverless cars have crashed, husbands, wives, and children are missing and their loved ones are full of fear and panic. The financial markets are most likely crashing and Martial Law has or will be implemented. This is happening throughout the world. No doubt the governments are releasing explanations as to these terrible disappearances none of which will be true. We have no plans to disappear. Don't believe them. This is the true explanation.

We want to let you know that we are OK. We are with the Lord in heaven. Jesus has come to meet us in the air and bring us to be with Him forever. The book of Revelation (The last book in the bible) Chapter 4 verse 1 is where we are taken into heaven and Revelation chapters 4 and 5 show us in heaven with God. Everything from Revelation chapter 6 to chapter 19 is the wrath of God poured out on the earth (during the tribulation period) on those who have rejected Jesus. Revelation chapter 19 verse 11 to the end of the book shows what happens after the tribulation period.

You may think that we are crazy or have a different understanding of God's Word or you might not even believe the bible is God's Word. That's ok but consider this: If Jesus doesn't return soon and you are ready for Him, then you are closer to God here on earth for a while. Nothing lost. If on the other hand Jesus returns very soon (as we believe all the signs are pointing to) and you are not ready, then you get left behind and go through the Great Tribulation of God's wrath and possibly get thrown into the Lake of Fire. Are you a gambler? Will you risk your eternal security? The choice is truly up to you!

There is virtually no question that Jesus walked here on the earth 2,000 years ago. There were aprox 300 detailed prophecies in the Old Testament telling of his First Coming. God must think what's coming is very important. He has given us plenty of warning and heads up. The period of time we are entering into is the most written about in the bible including the days Jesus walked among us. If God spent so much time showing us shouldn't we take note? Please pay close attention. It could mean your life!

The Future Return of Christ (2nd Coming) to Judge the Earth and Rule

- 1,845 references in the Old Testament;
- 17 books give prominence to the event;
- 318 references in the New Testament;
- 216 chapters;
- 23 of 27 books give prominence to the event;
- For every prophecy of Christ's 1st Coming there are 8 of His 2nd Coming!

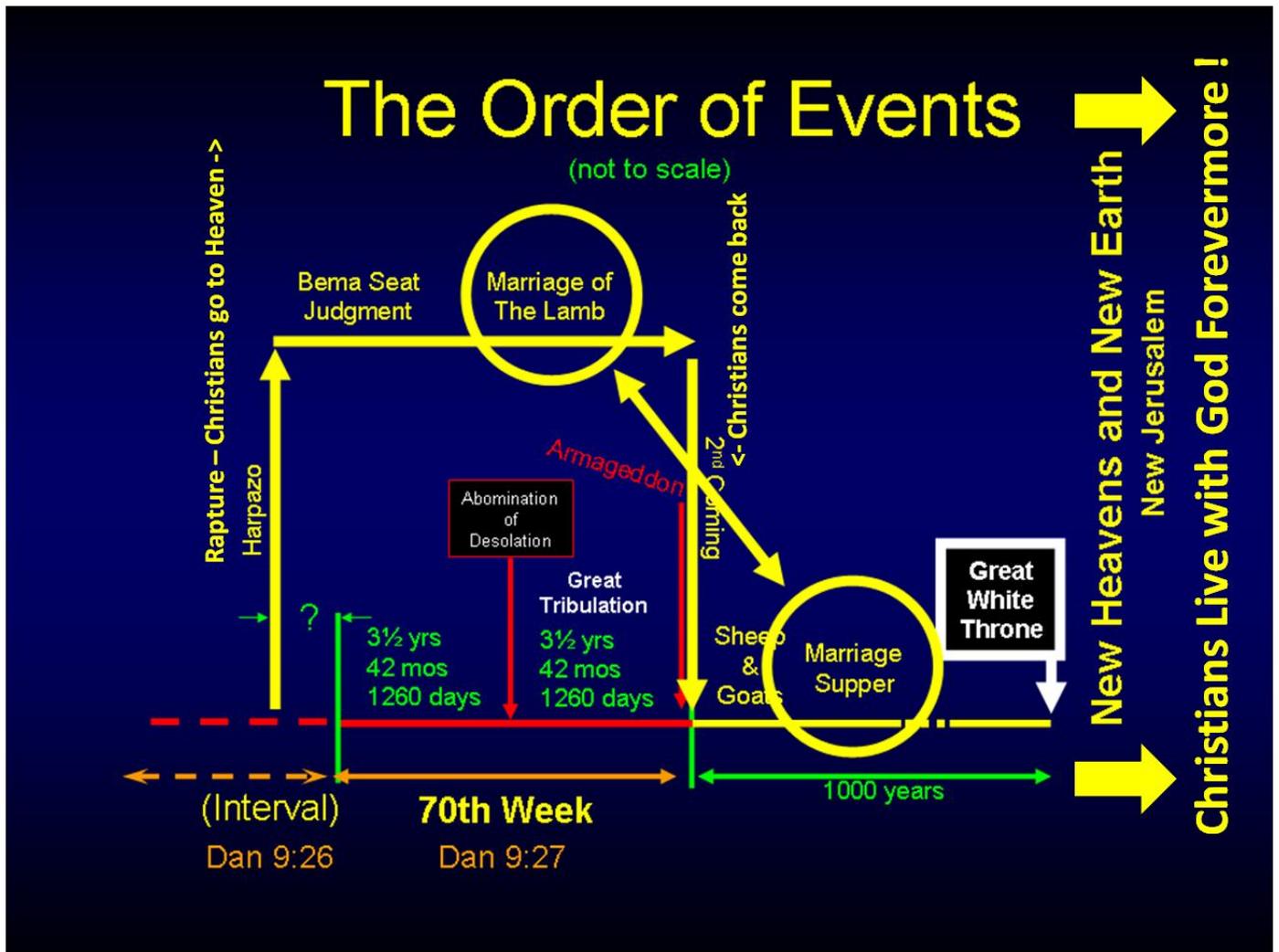
Here's a list of what will happen next here on earth according to the Bible (to give you an overview).

1. Jesus gathers His children dead and alive and meets them in the air to take them to heaven. (If we are gone, this has already happened). There will be no "born again", "Spirit filled" believers left on the earth. With the Holy Spirit removed from the earth the "Antichrist" can now be revealed and have his way unrestrained, if only for a short time (7 years). There are many antichrists (those who reject Jesus) in the world now. In fact the world is controlled by Satan which accounts for all the terrible things happening here now. He had been restrained (by God's Holy Spirit in his children) until now.
2. The Antichrist is revealed and takes full power of the world. In his first 3 1/3 years, the world thinks he is wonderful and has all the answers. The Antichrist is controlled and possessed by Satan. (Revelation 13:1-9)
3. The Antichrist suffers a mortal wound to the right eye and right arm. He will be "miraculously healed". (Zechariah 11:17, Revelation 13:3)
4. The Antichrist is granted by God to make war with those who have accepted Jesus in the tribulation and to overcome them. Authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. (Revelation 13:7)
5. The world (those whose names were not written in the Lamb's Book of Life) worships the Antichrist. (Revelation 13:8)
6. The false prophet is revealed. A religious leader who unites the whole world around a one world religion and the Antichrist. He performs great signs and deceives those who dwell on the earth. (Revelation 13:11-18)
7. The Antichrist makes a 7 year peace treaty between Israel and her enemies. (Daniel 9:27)
8. The Jewish Temple is rebuilt.
9. The Antichrist places his image in the Holy of Holies of the Jewish temple and "miraculously" gives it "life". He calls himself God and demands to be worshiped. This is called the abomination of desolation in the bible which will trigger the second 3 1/2 year period called the "Great Tribulation". The Antichrist declares war across the earth and persecutes and kills Jews and those who accepted Christ in the tribulation. (Daniel 7:21-27, Daniel 9:27, 11:31, Matthew 24:15,16, Revelation 13:14-15)
10. The Antichrist forces all people to take a mark on the right hand or forehead (most likely a microchip). No man will be able to buy or sell unless he takes the mark. Don't take it! Doing so will seal your fate in the Lake of Fire. (Revelation 13:16-18)
11. God's great and terrible wrath is poured out on the earth. The worst time ever past and future on the earth. (Daniel 12:1-4, Matthew 24:21-22, Revelation 6 to 19:11) (Revelation chapters 6 thru 19 included below)
12. Jesus Second Coming on a white horse to do battle at the end of the 7 year tribulation period. He brings His children with Him and the Armies of Heaven. (Revelation 19:11-16)
13. Jesus judges the Antichrist, Satan, the kings of the earth and all who follow them in the valley of Megiddo. We call this Armageddon. The Antichrist and the False Prophet are thrown alive into the Lake of Fire. The kings of the earth and all who follow them are killed. (Revelation 19:17-21) Satan is bound in the bottomless pit for 1,000 years. (Revelation 20:1-3)
14. Jesus sits on the throne of David in Jerusalem and rules with a rod of iron for 1,000 years. His children will also rule and reign with Him. The earth is regenerated to pre-fall conditions. (Revelation 20:4-6)
15. Near the end of the 1,000 year reign, Satan is released for a short time where he deceives many. They surround Jerusalem to destroy it but God brings down fire from heaven and they are devoured. Satan is then cast alive into the Lake of Fire. (Revelation 20:7-10)
16. God sits on "The Great White Throne Judgment". All the dead great and small stand before God and all those who's names are not written in the Book of Life are cast into the Lake of Fire. Death and Hell are cast into the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:11-15).
17. A new heaven and a new earth are created by God (Revelation 21:1-8)
18. A new Jerusalem is created by God (Revelation 21:9-27)
19. God's children live with him forever after. (Revelation 22:1-5)

None of these things have happened yet unless we have "disappeared" in the Rapture. Some have said that everything in the book of Revelation happened long ago. That couldn't have happened for these reasons. Jesus has not physically sat on the throne of David and ruled the earth for 1,000 years. Satan has not been bound, if so His chain is way too long. He is currently the Prince of this World as is evident in all the evil things being done today. The Antichrist has not been revealed, although most of us believe he is alive and ready to be filled or possessed by Satan. The Great Tribulation as described in Revelation has surely not yet happened with such catastrophic supernatural events taking place. The old Heaven and Earth have not passed away and the New Heaven and Earth have not been created and we are not there living with God face to face.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 NKJV (1) Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, (2) not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. (3) 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 (The Antichrist) is revealed, the son of perdition, (4) 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. (5) Do you not

remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? (6) And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. (7) For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains (The Holy Spirit in His children) will do so until He is taken out of the way (The Rapture). (8) And then the lawless one (The Antichrist) will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. (9) The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, (10) and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. (11) And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, (12) that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. PLEASE DON'T BELIEVE THE LIE! BELIEVE GOD!



Jesus Christ's Coming for His children – The "Rapture"

John 14:1-6 NLT "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in Me (Jesus). (2) There is more than enough room in My Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? (3) **When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with Me where I am.** (4) And you know the way to where I am going." (5) "No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where You are going, so how can we know the way?" (6) **Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me.**

(No one gets to heaven any other way except through Jesus)

This thrilling promise wasn't given to everyone, only to His believers. (Judas had already left by then.) This parallels the promise of the bridegroom in the pattern of the ancient Jewish wedding, where, after the *ketubah*, the engagement, but before the *huppah*, the formal ceremony, the groom departed to prepare a new home for his bride, usually an addition to his father's house. The bride was kept in a state of expectancy pending his return—often in the middle of the night, as a surprise. (The *huppah*, the wedding ceremony, was followed with a seven-day celebration.) The wedding ceremony will take place in heaven while the 7 year tribulation period occurs on earth. It will be between Jesus (the bridegroom), and his children (the bride).

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 NKJV (16) For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. (17) Then we who are alive and remain shall be **caught up** together with them **in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.** And thus we shall always be with the Lord. (18) Therefore comfort one another with these words.

The above passage speaks of what some call the "Rapture" from the Latin Vulgate translation of the bible. "**Caught up**" in this passage refers to the original Greek word *Harpazo*. The meaning is like a bird of prey "snatching up" it's prey, taking it out of it's world. This happens in the book of Revelation in chapter 4 verse 1, and this is what has happened to us who belong to Jesus. This event is different from the Second Coming of Jesus. Here Jesus appears in the clouds and takes His children to Heaven. Only Christians see Him. In the Second Coming He comes to the earth with His children and every eye on the planet sees Him like lightning from the east to the west.

1 Corinthians 15:50-58 NLT (50) What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever. (51) But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! (52) **It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed.** (53) For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies. (54) Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die [and our mortal bodies have been transformed into immortal bodies], this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory. (55) O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" (56) For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. (57) But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. (58) So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

The anticipation of a bodily resurrection after life on this earth pervades the entire Bible. In the oldest book of the Bible, Job declares:

Job 19:25-27 NLT "But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and He will stand upon the earth at last. (26) And after my body has decayed, yet in my body I will see God! (27) I will see Him for myself. Yes, I will see Him with my own eyes. I am overwhelmed at the thought!

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 NKJV (1) But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. (2) For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. (3) For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. (4) But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. (5) You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. (6) Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but **let us watch and be sober.** (7) For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. (8) But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. (9) **For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,** (10) who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. (11) Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

For us this is bittersweet. We are full of great joy to be with our Lord. Our earthly sinful bodies and nature have been translated into holy and perfect, sinless and eternal. The bitter part is if you are not born again you are left behind on earth in what is called

the tribulation period (The day of God's wrath and judgment on a wicked and rebellious world) . We are heartbroken that you are not here in heaven with us! Oh if you had listened and turned to God and repented and walked with Him!

John 3:2-21 NKJV This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." (3) Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**" (4) Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" (5) Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (7) Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'**" (8) The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." (9) Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" (10) Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? (11) Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. (12) If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? (13) No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. (14) And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, (15) that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (16) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (17) For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. (18) **He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**" (19) And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. (20) For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. (21) But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

It's still not too late for you to turn to God. Don't believe the lies of Satan. Accept Jesus as your Lord and savior. Cry out to him and he will save you. All those who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved. If you do this before the Rapture you can still get to heaven. If you wait until after the Rapture you can still turn to Jesus although it will be very difficult. Most of those who turn to Jesus in the tribulation period will be killed for their faith (many beheaded) but you will be instantly in God's presence where you will remain forevermore. The alternative is the Lake of Fire. You must choose! What will you choose? By not accepting Jesus you have already made a choice!

2 Corinthians 6:2 NKJV For He says: "IN AN ACCEPTABLE TIME I HAVE HEARD YOU, AND IN THE DAY OF SALVATION I HAVE HELPED YOU." **Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.**

James 4:1-10 NKJV Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? (2) You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. (3) You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. (4) Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. (5) Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? (6) But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "GOD RESISTS THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." (7) Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. (8) Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. (9) Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. (10) **Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.**

Jesus came the first time to the earth and was rejected and crucified for our sins. He was buried and rose again and now sits at the right hand of God. Since then He has been preparing a place for us in heaven. The reason we are gone is he came in the clouds to pick up his children (snatch up, rapture us) and take us to heaven. He didn't actually set foot on the earth this time. When He sets foot on the earth for the second time, it's called the Second Coming (first time salvation, second time judgment). It will be at least 7 years after the Rapture. He will then judge the earth and take His place on the throne of David in Jerusalem and reign on this earth for 1,000 years. After that He will reign and live with his children in the new heaven and new earth forever after. (included below in Revelation 21 and 22)

The Great Apostasy (Abandonment of one's religious faith) - This verse is also speaking of the Second Coming and the Tribulation period (7 years or two 3 ½ periods). The man of sin or son of perdition is the Antichrist. The one restraining him is the Holy Spirit who is inside those who have received Jesus as their Lord and Savior. When Christians are raptured the Holy Spirit is no longer here and the Antichrist is free to establish his kingdom if only for a little while.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 NKJV (1) Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, (2) not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though

the day of Christ had come. (3) 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, (4) 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.** (5) Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? (6) And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. (7) 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.** (8) **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. (9) The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, (10) and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, **because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.** (11) **And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,** (12) **that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

Antichrist Emerges - After the "Rapture" The one world leader will now be revealed who is called the Antichrist (Revelation ch 6, He is the rider on the first horse, the first seal, The Conqueror). He is controlled by Satan himself and he will seem to have all the answers for the first 3 1/2 years. He will be made leader of most of the world. Many will worship him as the savior. Jews will think he is the messiah. Muslims will call him the Mahdi who is their savior and will institute a Muslim world where all non Muslims will be killed (Most will be beheaded). He will institute a one world government and financial system where no one will be able to buy or sell unless they take a mark on their right hand or forehead (most likely a chip of some sort). The bible calls this the mark of the beast. Do not take the mark! This will seal your fate in the lake of fire and brimstone.

False Prophet Emerges - There will be one the bible calls the false prophet (we believe he is the current Pope in Rome). He will lead the world into a one world religion, a mixture of all religions into one. Do not fall for it. There is one God, the God of the bible. He is three in one, God the Father, Jesus the son and the Holy Spirit. There is no other! He told us there will be many claiming to be god or Jesus. Don't be fooled! Satan has sought to be lifted up and worshiped by men. He has done since the beginning of time.

Seven Year Peace Treaty, Temple Rebuilt, Abomination of Desolation, Great Tribulation - The Antichrist will preside over a seven year peace treaty between Israel and the Muslim world. He will make it possible to rebuild the Jewish temple of God. The Antichrist will receive a mortal wound in the right eye and right arm and seem to be miraculously healed. The world will be in awe and worship him. In the middle of the seven year period (3 1/2 years in) He will place his image in the new Jewish temple in the Holy of Holies which the bible calls the "abomination of desolation" This will immediately trigger what the bible calls the "Great Tribulation" (second 3 1/2 years). The wrath of God will fall upon the earth and all who dwell in it. It will be a time of trouble the world has never seen and never will again.

Jesus Second Coming, Armageddon, Nations Judged, Satan Finished- At the end of the Great Tribulation Jesus will return to the earth in the valley of Megiddo and judge the nations in what you have heard of as Armageddon (Revelation 19:11 and forward). Jesus will return with all who have died in Christ and those who were alive and raptured. The armies of the earth will gather against Jesus and the Armies of Heaven. Jesus will defeat them and throw them into the Lake of Fire and Brimstone. The Antichrist, False Prophet, Kings of the earth, death, hell and all who have rejected Jesus will all be thrown into the lake of fire where there is wailing and gnashing of teeth forever after. It will be a place where God's presence will not be. Satan will be bound by a mighty angel and locked in the bottomless pit for 1,000 years. Near the end Satan will be released for a short while and for the last time deceive many. Jesus will call down fire from heaven and destroy them. Satan will be thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone to remain forever after. Please read the exact scripture below from the last chapters of the book of Revelation about the Great White Throne of judgment, Jesus destroys the old heavens and earth, creates a new heaven and earth and the New Jerusalem, and where we live with God forever.(Make sure you read what it will be like in Revelation Chapters 21 and 22, pages 15 and 16 below)

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 NKJV (1) Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: (2) Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (3) We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, (4) so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, (5) which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; (6) since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, **(7) and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels.** (8) **in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.** (9) **These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,** (10) **when He comes, in that Day,** to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed. (11) Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work

of **faith** with power, (12) that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Difference between the Rapture and the Second Coming	
Rapture	2nd Coming
Translation of believers	No translation involved
Translated saints go to heaven	Translated saints return to earth
Earth not judged	Earth judged
Imminent, any moment sign less	Follows definite predicted signs
Not in old Testament	Predicted in Old Testament
Believers only	Affects all men on the earth
Before the day of wrath	Concludes the day of wrath
No reference to Satan	Satan bound
He comes for His own	He comes with His own
He comes in the air	He comes to the earth
He claims His bride	He comes with His bride
Only His own see Him	Every eye shall see Him
Great Tribulation begins	Millennium begins (1,000 year reign)
Church believers only	Old Testament raised later

God’s Great and Terrible Wrath Poured out on the Earth

Revelation Chapter 6 thru 19

Those with Jesus are in Heaven and those who rejected Him are here

The Seven Seals

First Seal – The Conqueror – The Antichrist - Revelation 6:2 NKJV And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

Second Seal – Conflict on Earth - Revelation 6:4 NKJV Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

Third Seal – Scarcity on Earth - Revelation 6:5-6 NKJV When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. (6) And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

Fourth Seal – Widespread Death on Earth - Revelation 6:7-8 NKJV When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." (8) So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

Fifth Seal: The Cry of the Martyrs - Revelation 6:9-11 NKJV When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. (10) And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" (11) Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

Sixth Seal: Cosmic Disturbances - Revelation 6:12-17 NKJV (12) I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. (13) And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. (14) Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. (15) And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks

of the mountains, (16) and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! (17) For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

The Sealed of Israel

Revelation 7:1-8 NKJV After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree. (2) Then 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 granted to harm the earth and the sea, (3) saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." (4) And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed: (5) of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand were sealed; (6) of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand were sealed; (7) of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand were sealed; (8) of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed.

A Multitude from the Great Tribulation - Revelation 7:9-17 NKJV (9) After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, (10) and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (11) All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, (12) saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen." (13) Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" (14) And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (15) Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. (16) They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; (17) for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.:

Seventh Seal: Prelude to the Seven Trumpets - Revelation 8:1-5 NKJV When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. (2) And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. (3) Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. (4) And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. (5) Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.

Sounding the Seven Trumpets

(6) So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

The First Trumpet: Vegetation Struck - (7) The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

The Second Trumpet: The Seas Struck - (8) Then 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. (9) And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

The Third Trumpet: The Waters Struck - (10) Then 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 water. (11) The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.

The Fourth Trumpet: Heavens Struck - (12) Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night. (13) And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

The Fifth Trumpet: The Locusts from the Bottomless Pit - Revelation 9:1-12 NKJV Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. (2) And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit. (3) Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. (4) They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only

those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. (5) And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. (6) In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them. (7) The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. (8) They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. (9) And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle. (10) They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months. (11) And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon. (12) One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

The Sixth Trumpet: Angels from the Euphrates - (13) Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, (14) saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." (15) So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. (16) Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. (17) And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. (18) By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed--by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths. (19) For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm. (20) 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. (21) And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

The Mighty Angel with the Little Book - Revelation 10:1-11 NKJV (1) I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. (2) He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, (3) and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices. (4) Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them." (5) The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven (6) and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer, (7) but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

John Eats the Little Book - (8) Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, "Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth." (9) So I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me the little book." And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth." (10) Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter. (11) And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."

The Two Witnesses - Revelation 11:1-19 NKJV (1) Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. (2) But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months. (3) And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth." (4) These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth. (5) And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. (6) These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

The Witnesses Killed - (7) When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. (8) And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. (9) Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. (10) And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

The Witnesses Resurrected - (11) Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. (12) And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. (13) In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven. (14) The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

Seventh Trumpet: The Kingdom Proclaimed - (15) Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" (16) And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, (17) saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. (18) The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth." (19) Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

Observing the Great Conflict

The Woman and the Child, and the Dragon - Revelation 12:1-17 NKJV (1) Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. (2) Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. (3) And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. (4) His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. (5) She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. (6) Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Satan Thrown Out of Heaven - (7) And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, (8) but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. (9) So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (10) Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. (11) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. (12) Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

The Woman Persecuted - (13) Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. (14) But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. (15) So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. (16) But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. (17) And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

The Beast From the Sea - Revelation 13:1-18 NKJV (1) Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. (2) Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. (3) And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. (4) 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?" (5) And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. (6) Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. (7) 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. (8) 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. (9) If anyone has an ear, let him hear. (10) He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

The Beast From the Earth - (11) Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. (12) And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. (13) He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. (14) And he deceives those who dwell on the earth--by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. (15) He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. (16) He causes all, both small and

great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, (17) and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. (18) Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

The Lamb and the 144,000 - Revelation 14:1-20 NKJV (1) Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads. (2) And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. (3) They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. (4) These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. (5) And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

The Proclamations of Three Angels - (6) Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people-- (7) saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." (8) And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." (9) Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, (10) he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. (11) And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." (12) Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. (13) Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

Reaping the Earth's Harvest - (14) Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. (15) And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." (16) So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

Reaping the Grapes of Wrath - (17) Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. (18) And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe." (19) So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. (20) And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

Pouring out the Seven Plagues

Prelude to the Bowl Judgments - Revelation 15:1-8 NKJV Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete. (2) And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. (3) They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! (4) Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested." (5) After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. (6) And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands. (7) Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever. (8) The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

Revelation 16:1-21 NKJV (1) Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth."

First Bowl: Loathsome Sores - (2) So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.

Second Bowl: The Sea Turns to Blood - (3) Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died.

Third Bowl: The Waters Turn to Blood - (4) Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. (5) And I heard the angel of the waters saying: "You are righteous, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things. (6) For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due." (7) And I heard another from the altar saying, "Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."

Fourth Bowl: Men are Scorched - (8) Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. (9) And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.

Fifth Bowl: Darkness and Pain - (10) Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. (11) They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

Sixth Bowl: Euphrates Dried Up - (12) Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. (13) And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. (14) For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. (15) "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame." (16) And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

Seventh Bowl: The Earth Utterly Shaken - (17) Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!" (18) And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. (19) Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. (20) Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. (21) And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

Seizing the Final Victory

The Scarlet Woman and the Scarlet Beast - Revelation 17:1-18 NKJV (1) Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, (2) with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication." (3) So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. (4) The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. (5) And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. (6) I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

The Meaning of the Woman and the Beast - (7) But the angel said to me, "Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. (8) The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. (9) "Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. (10) There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. (11) The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition. (12) "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. (13) These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. (14) These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful." (15) Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. (16) And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. (17) For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. (18) And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth."

The Fall of Babylon the Great - Revelation 18:1-24 NKJV (1) After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. (2) And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! (3) For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury." (4) And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. (5) For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. (6) Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her. (7) In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, 'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.' (8) Therefore her plagues will come in one day--death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her.

The World Mourns Babylon's Fall - (9) "The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, (10) standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.' (11) "And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: (12) merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble; (13) and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men. (14) The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all. (15) The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, (16) and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls! (17) For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.' Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance (18) and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What is like this great city?' (19) "They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.' (20) "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!" (21) Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore. (22) The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore. (23) The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived. (24) And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth."

Heaven Exults over Babylon - Revelation 19:1-10 NKJV (1) After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God! (2) For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her." (3) Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!" (4) And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!" (5) Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!" (6) And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! (7) Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." (8) And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. (9) Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' " And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God." (10) And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Christ on a White Horse – (Here those who were with Jesus in Heaven return with him) Revelation 19:11-16 NKJV (11) Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. (12) His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. (13) He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. (14) And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. (15) Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. (16) And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

The Beast and His Armies Defeated - Revelation 19:17-21 NKJV (17) Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the

great God, (18) that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great." (19) And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. (20) Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. (21) And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

The Saints Reign with Christ 1,000 years - Revelation 20:4-6 NKJV And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. (5) But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. (6) Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

Satanic Rebellion Crushed - Revelation 20:7-10 NKJV (7) Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison (8) and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. (9) They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. (10) The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

The Great White Throne Judgment - Revelation 20:11-15 NKJV (11) Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. (12) And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. (13) The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. (14) Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. (15) And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

Living with God in the New Heaven and Earth Revelation Chapters 21 and 22

Making everything new - All Things Made New - Revelation 21:1-8 NKJV Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. (2) Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (3) And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. (4) And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." (5) Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." (6) And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. (7) He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. (8) But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

The New Jerusalem - Revelation 21:9-27 NKJV (9) Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." (10) And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, (11) having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. (12) Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: (13) three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. (14) Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. (15) And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. (16) The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. (17) Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. (18) The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. (19) The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, (20) the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysope, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. (21) The twelve gates

were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. (22) But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. (23) The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. (24) And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. (25) Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). (26) And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. (27) But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

The River of Life - Revelation 22:1-5 NKJV And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. (2) In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. (3) 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. (4) They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. (5) There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

The Time is Near - Revelation 22:6-11 NKJV (6) Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place. (7) "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." (8) Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. (9) Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God." (10) And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand. (11) He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."

Jesus Testifies to the Churches - Revelation 22:12-17 NKJV (12) "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. (13) I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." (14) Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. (15) But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie. (16) "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star." (17) And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

A Warning - Revelation 22:18-19 NKJV (18) For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; (19) and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

I Am Coming Quickly - Revelation 22:20-21 NKJV (20) He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! (21) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Do You Want Jesus?

You can receive Christ right now by faith through prayer (Prayer is talking with God). God knows your heart and is not so concerned with your words as He is with the attitude of your heart. The following is a suggested prayer:

Lord Jesus, I need you. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank you for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be.

Now That You Have Received Christ

The moment you received Christ by faith, as an act of the will, many things happened, including the following:

- Christ came into your life (Revelation 3:20, Colossians 1:27)
- Your sins were forgiven (Colossians 1:14)
- You became a child of God (John 1:12)
- You received eternal life (John 5:24)
- You were filled with God's Holy Spirit (John 14:16-20)
- You began the great adventure for which God created you (John 10:10, 2 Corinthians 5:17, 1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Suggestions for Christian Growth

Spiritual growth results from trusting Jesus Christ. "The righteous man shall live by faith" (Galatians 3:11). A life of faith will enable you to trust God increasingly with every detail of your life, and to practice the following:

G	Go to God in prayer daily (John 15:7)
R	Read God's Word daily (Acts 17:11)
O	Obey God moment by moment (John 14:21)
W	Witness for Christ by your life and words (Matthew 4:19, John 15:8)
T	Trust God for every detail of your life (1 Peter 5:7)
H	Holy Spirit - allow Him to control and empower your daily life and witness (Galatians 5:16,17; Acts 1:8)

Romans 3:23 NKJV for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23a NKJV For the wages of sin is death

Romans 6:23b NKJV but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 3:16 NKJV For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Romans 5:8 NKJV But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 10:13 NKJV For "WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED."

Romans 10:10-11 NKJV For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (11) For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES ON HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME."

Revelation 3:20 NKJV Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

John 3:1-8 NKJV There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. (2) This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." (3) Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (4) Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" (5) Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (7) Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' (8) The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

John 11:25-26 NKJV Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. (26) And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

John 14:16-20 NKJV And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- (17) the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. (18) I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. (19) "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. (20) At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

John 14:26-29 NKJV But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. (27) Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (28) You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. (29) "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.

John 16:7-15 NKJV Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. (8) And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: (9) of sin, because they do not believe in Me; (10) of righteousness, because I go to My Father

and you see Me no more; (11) of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. (12) "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. (13) However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. (14) He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. (15) All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

John 12:24-26 NKJV Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. (25) He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. (26) If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

Titus 2:11-15 NKJV For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, (12) teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, (13) looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, (14) who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. (15) Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.

James 4:7-8 NKJV Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. (8) Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Acts 3:19-24 NLT Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. (20) Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord, and He will again send you Jesus, your appointed Messiah. (21) For He must remain in heaven until the time for the final restoration of all things, as God promised long ago through His holy prophets. (22) Moses said, 'The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from among your own people. Listen carefully to everything He tells you.' (23) Then Moses said, 'Anyone who will not listen to that Prophet will be completely cut off from God's people.' (24) "Starting with Samuel, every prophet spoke about what is happening today.

Acts 2:16-40 NLT No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel: (17) 'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out My Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. (18) In those days I will pour out My Spirit even on My servants--men and women alike--and they will prophesy. (19) And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below--blood and fire and clouds of smoke. (20) The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and glorious day of the LORD arrives. (21) But everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.' (22) "People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through Him, as you well know. (23) But God knew what would happen, and His prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed Him to a cross and killed Him. (24) But God released Him from the horrors of death and raised Him back to life, for death could not keep Him in its grip. (25) King David said this about Him: 'I see that the LORD is always with Me. I will not be shaken, for He is right beside Me. (26) No wonder My heart is glad, and My tongue shouts His praises! My body rests in hope. (27) For You will not leave My soul among the dead or allow Your Holy One to rot in the grave. (28) You have shown Me the way of life, and You will fill Me with the joy of Your presence.' (29) "Dear brothers, think about this! You can be sure that the patriarch David wasn't referring to himself, for he died and was buried, and His tomb is still here among us. (30) But he was a prophet, and he knew God had promised with an oath that one of David's own descendants would sit on His throne. (31) David was looking into the future and speaking of the Messiah's resurrection. He was saying that God would not leave Him among the dead or allow His body to rot in the grave. (32) "God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this. (33) Now He is exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven, at God's right hand. And the Father, as He had promised, gave Him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today. (34) For David himself never ascended into heaven, yet he said, "The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit in the place of honor at My right hand (35) until I humble Your enemies, making them a footstool under Your feet.'" (36) "So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!" (37) Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" (38) Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (39) This promise is to you, and to your children, and even to the Gentiles--all who have been called by the Lord our God." (40) Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!"

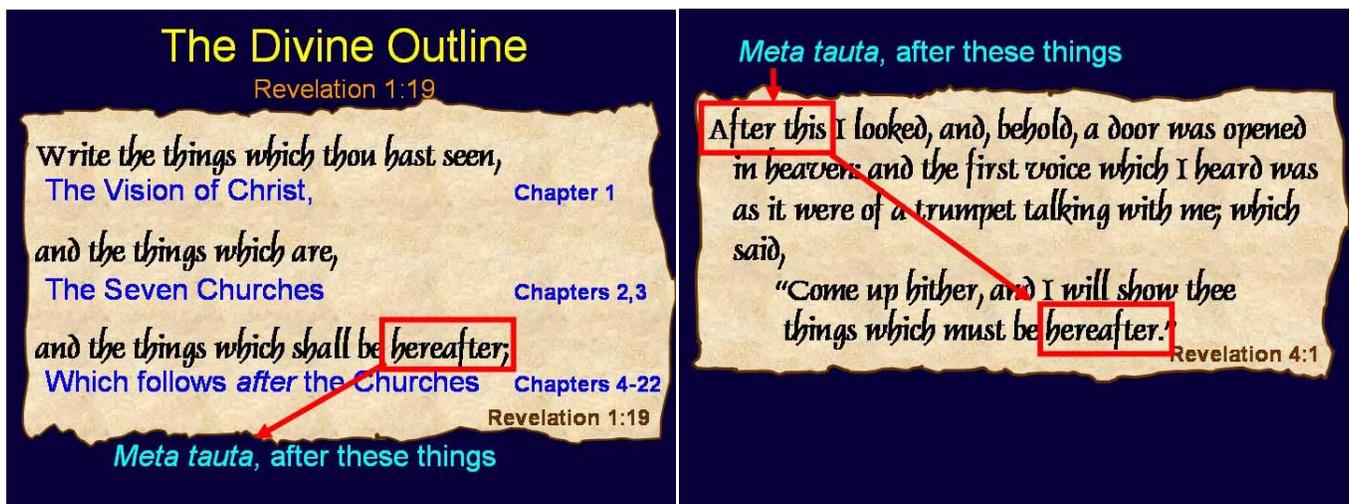
What Happens to Believers in Heaven after the Rapture and Before the Judgment

For those interested here's what happens to believers, when they are raptured and what it's like in heaven for them.

In chapter 1 we see the seven golden lamp stands (the seven churches) and the seven stars (the seven angels of the church). Jesus is standing in the midst of the churches on earth. Chapters 2 and 3 Jesus speaks to the 7 churches which represent all believers. We see the Rapture in Revelation Chapter 4 verse 1 and now the seven golden lamp stands, the seven stars and Jesus are in heaven. While in heaven we experience the "Bema Seat Judgment" which is like an Olympic medals ceremony and believers are given crowns for what was done here on earth with their faith. Believers then attend the Marriage of the Lamb where they are "married" to Jesus. At the end of the 7 year Tribulation period Jesus and his new bride return to earth in the 2nd Coming to judge the earth, setup Jesus reign during the 1,000 year millennial kingdom.

"The Things Which You Have Seen" – The Vision of Christ

Revelation 1:1-20 NKJV The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants--things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John, (2) who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw. (3) Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near. (4) John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, (5) and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, (6) and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (7) Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. (8) "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (9) I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. (10) I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, (11) saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." (12) Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, (13) and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. (14) His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; (15) His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; (16) He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. (17) And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. (18) I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. (19) Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this. (20) The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.



Chapters 2 and 3 Jesus is writing letters to the seven churches which outline the seven church ages and what will happen to them.

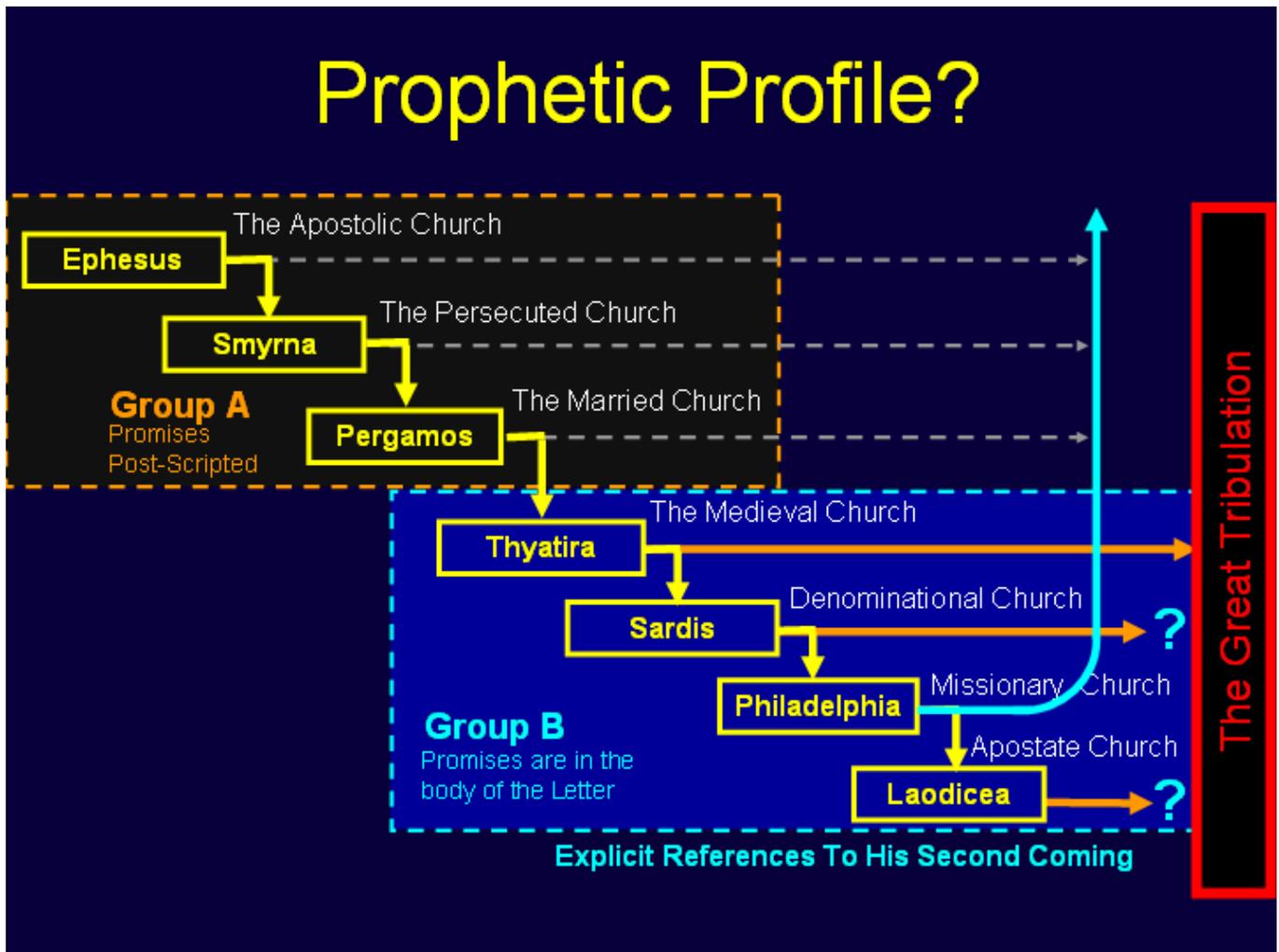
"The Things that are" - The Seven Churches

Why these seven? Why not Jerusalem? Antioch? Rome? Lystra? Iconium?

1. **Local:** actual churches.
2. **Admonitory:** "...churches": all of them. Each message applies to each, to some extent.
3. **Homiletic:** "He that hath an ear..." Applies to us.
4. **Prophetic:** In their *particular order*, they lay out the history of the church. The seven church ages. If they were in any different order then it would not lay out the history of the church. [They fill the gap implied in Daniel 9:26, and between Revelation 12:5 and 6, etc.]

Seven Design Elements In Each of the Letters

- Name of the Church
- Title of Christ Chosen – Different for each church
- Commendation
- Concern
- Exhortation
- Promise to the Overcomer
- "He that hath an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the churches."



The blue line pointing upward are those who are Raptured. The orange line pointing to the right are those left behind and going into the Tribulation Period. The church of Philadelphia is the only one that Jesus says will go straight to heaven and be definitely spared from the Tribulation Period. Thyatira goes directly to the Tribulation and Judgment.

Hear What Jesus says to the Church! – The Church Philadelphia – Are You Listening?

Revelation 3:8 "I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can shut. You have little strength, yet you obeyed my word and did not deny me. 9 Look! I will force those who belong to Satan — those liars who say they are Jews but are not — to come and bow down at your feet. They will acknowledge that you are the ones I love. 10 "Because you have obeyed my command to persevere, I will protect you from the great time of testing that will come upon the whole world to test those who belong to this world. 11 Look, I am coming quickly. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown. 12 All who are victorious will become pillars in the Temple of my God, and they will never have to leave it. And I will write my God's name on them, and they will be citizens in the city of my God — the new Jerusalem that comes down from heaven from my God. And they will have my new name inscribed upon them. 13 Anyone who is willing to hear should listen to the Spirit and understand what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Revelation 3:8-13 New Living Translation

"The Things Which Will Take Place After This" Rapture, Judgment, Millennial Reign, New Creation, Eternity

1. **God Sitting on His Throne** – Revelation 4:1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here (The Rapture), and I will show you things which must take place after this." (2) Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. (3) And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.
2. **24 Thrones** - (4) Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. (5) And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. (6) Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. (7) The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. (8) The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" (9) Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, (10) the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: (11) "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created." Revelation 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.
3. **Strong Angel Proclaims "Who is Worthy"** - NKJV (2) Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" (3) And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. (4) So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.
4. **Jesus the Lamb is the Only one Worthy** - (5) But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." (6) And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. (7) Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. (8) Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. (9) And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, (10) And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth." (11) Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, (12) saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" (13) 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, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" (14) Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.
5. **Judgment Starts** – Wrath of God on earth starts when Jesus opens the first seal. Revelation Chapter 6-19
6. **Judgment Ends** – Jesus returns to earth with believers (2nd Coming). Every eye on earth will see Him. Revelation 19:11 thru 22:5