

LESSON PLAN FOR THE REVELATION SERIES NO. 310

<u>LESSON NO.</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
1	The Book of Daniel: A Study in Parallel Chapters
2	Overview of End Time Chronology
3	The Relationship Between Daniel and Revelation
4	Understanding Biblical Figures of Speech
5	The Book of Revelation

It is possible that some of these lessons may take more than just one class period to complete. When you are teaching these lessons be sure and flow with the speed of the class. Some classes will need extra time for questions and answers, others may fully understand and you can progress rapidly. Don't worry about having to complete any lesson in just one sitting if extra, relevant, discussions arise.

Remember.....your only purpose in teaching the Word of God to others is to help them to become strong disciples of Jesus Christ and to share His Spirit and Truth with others.

CHAPTER	BABYLON	MEDES & PERSIANS	GREEK	FOUR KINGDOMS	FIRST LITTLE HORN	ROMAN EMPIRE	KINGDOM OF THE TEN KINGS	KINGDOM OF THE FOUR KINGS	SECOND LITTLE HORN	FINAL JUDGEMENT
2 31 - 45	HEAD OF GOLD	BREAST & ARMS OF SILVER	BELLY & THIGHS OF BRASS			LEGS OF IRON	TEN TOES IRON & CLAY			
7 1 - 27	LION	BEAR	LEOPARD			DREADFUL TERRIBLE BEAST	KINGDOM OF TEN HORNS	KINGDOM OF FOUR HORNS	LITTLE HORN A/C RELIGION	
8 1-12, 20-23	ISRAEL'S 70 YEARS CAPTIVITY	RAM WITH TWO HORNS	HE GOAT LARGE HORN ALEXANDER	FOUR HORNS OF KINGS	LITTLE HORN ANTI-OCUS					
9 20 - 27		KING CYRUS GIVES ORDER	FOR JEWS TO RETURN & REBUILD	THE TEMPLE & CITY	490 YEARS FROM CYRUS TO STEPHEN	MESSIAH 70th WEEK 7 YEARS +	70 AD CITY & TEMPLE DESTROYED			
10 5, 11-14, 20		THE PRINCE OF PERSIA	THE PRINCE OF GREECE							
11 1-5, 7, 15, 20-21, 31		PERSIA WITH FIVE KINGS	MIGHTY GREEK KING ALEXANDER	GRK 1 EGYP 3 AM 2 SYRA 4	VILE PERSON ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES OF SYRIA					
12 1 - 13						JERUSALEM & TEMPLE DESTROYED 70 A.D.	THE GOSPEL AGE	GIVEN AS A TIME, TIMES	AND A HALF	SECOND COMING & RESURRECTION

THE PROPHETIC BOOK OF DANIEL

LESSON 1: THE BOOK OF DANIEL: A STUDY IN PARALLEL CHAPTERS

Why study Daniel?

1. Jesus quoted Daniel when speaking of end times (desolation of Jerusalem – Mat. 24)
2. Daniel is often referred to as the Revelation of the Old Testament. It foretells of future events related to the nation of Israel.
3. Daniel is a book of parallel prophecies. Revelation is a book of parallel prophecies.

THE HISTORICAL CHAPTERS

CHAPTER

EVENTS DESCRIBED

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| 1 | Daniel, Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego approved by God and Kings |
| 3 | Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego delivered from the fiery furnace by God. |
| 4 | Daniel interprets Nebuchadnezzar's dream, which shows him living as an animal. |
| 5 | Daniel interprets the walled writing for Belshazzar, who is slain that night. |
| 6 | Daniel sent to the lions' den by King Darius, and is delivered by God. |

THE PARALLEL PROPHECY CHAPTERS

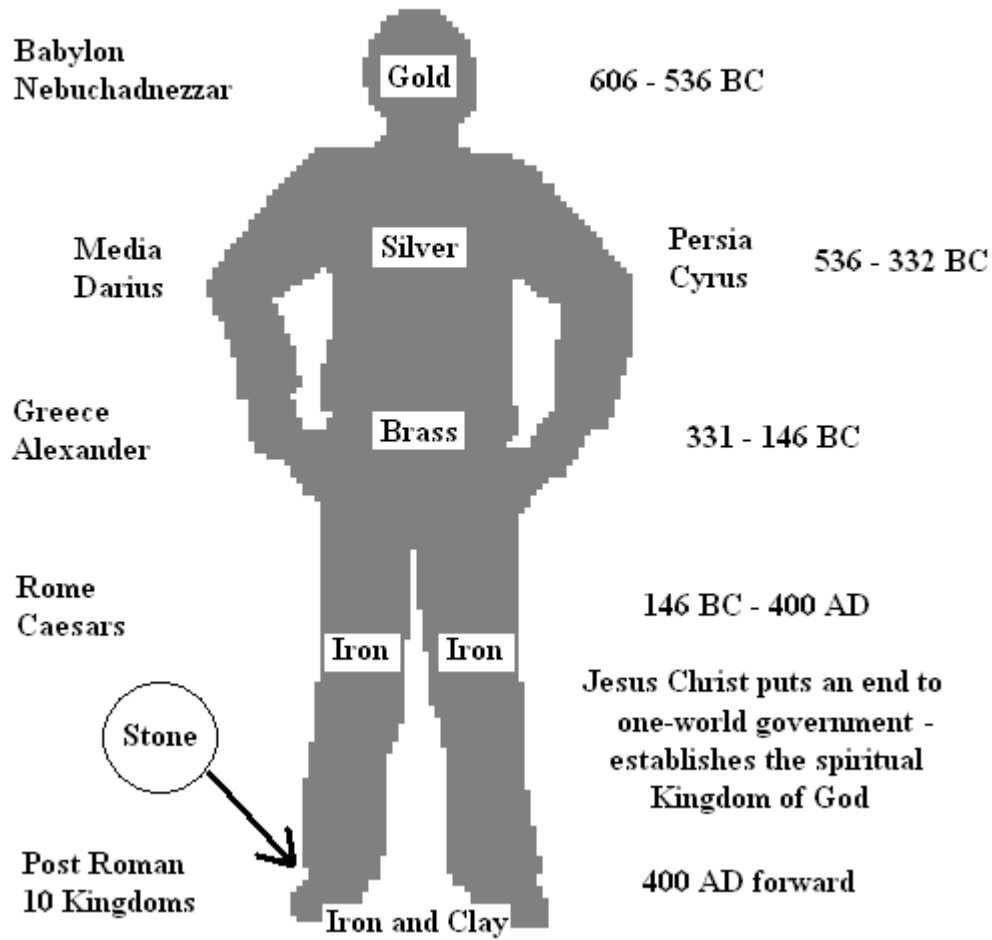
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EVENTS DESCRIBED THAT ARE COMMON TO ALL CHAPTERS

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| 2:31-45 | IMAGE OF GOLD, SILVER, BRASS, IRON, IRON-CLAY & THE STONE |
| 7:1-27 | FOUR BEASTS FROM SEA: LION, BEAR, LEOPARD, DREADFUL, LITTLE HORN |
| 8:1-12
8:20-23 | THE RAM...THE GOAT = 4 KINGDOMS = LITTLE HORN... |
| 9:20-27
10:5,
11-14,20 | CYRUS, PERSIAN KING, ORDERS TEMPLE REBUILT...MESSIAH COMES
MICHAEL MAKES DANIEL TO UNDERSTAND WHAT SHALL BEFALL HIS
PEOPLE IN THE LATTER DAYS...KING OF PERSIA...KING OF GREECE... |
| 11:1-5,7,15,
20-21 | MEDES-PERSIANS = 3 KINGS = ALEXANDER = 4 KINGS = ANTIOCHUS
EPHIPPANES |
| 12:1-13 | THE CROSS...DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM 70 AD...GOSPEL AGE... |

NOTES ON THE PARALLEL CHAPTERS

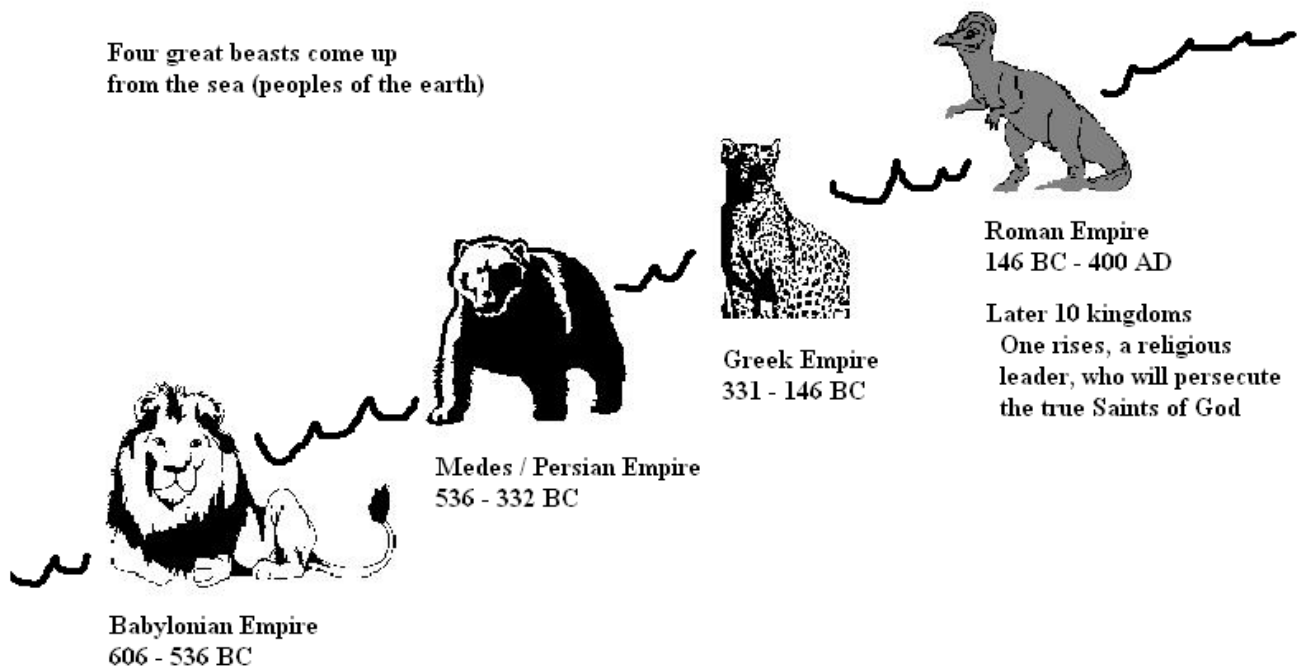
Daniel Chapter 2 Future World Kingdoms



Chapter 2

- v. 31-33 Image depicting future world powers in the earth
Gold (Babylon) Silver (Medo-Persia) Brass (Greece) Iron (Roman)
Iron-Clay (Ten Nations out of Roman Empire)
- v. 34 Jesus Christ, the Stone made without hands (not from man but from God), strikes the image on its feet (Rome), and causes the entire images to collapse.
- v. 35 No more place for world government. The Stone (Christ) became a great mountain (kingdom) which filled the entire earth (the spiritual Kingdom of God)
- v. 41-43 The later stages of the Roman empire would never be completely united (clay and iron)
- v. 44-45 The kingdom introduced by the Stone shall never be destroyed, but it shall consume all kingdoms and stand for ever.

Daniel Chapter 7
Future World Kingdoms



Chapter 7

- v. 2 Four winds of heaven – God’s providential moving in the earth. Out of the sea (peoples of the world) come the future world dominating kingdoms.
- v. 4-7 Images (beasts) representing future world empires. Lion (Babylon) Bear (Medo-Persia) Leopard (Greek) Dreadful (Rome) Little Horn (Antichrist System)
 - v. 4 The Lion represents the Babylonians. King Nebuchadnezzar had his wings plucked and was then given a man’s heart – he was humbled by God.
 - v. 5 The Bear represents the Persians. The 3 ribs probably refer to the conquering of Media, Lydia, and Babylon.
 - v. 6 The Leopard represents the Greeks. The four heads represent the division of the kingdom into four parts following the death of Alexander: Greece, Asia Minor, Syria, and Egypt.
 - v. 7 The Terrible Beast represents the Romans. The 10 horns refer to the kingdom which proceed from its remains.
- v. 8 Out of the 10 kingdoms resulting from the Roman empire, a small horn (a leader – type of anti-Christ) arises and subdues 3 kingdoms. He speaks great things (lies). It is the first world dominating anti-Christ religious system – The “Holy Roman Empire”.
- v. 9-11 Christ will consume (judge) the anti-Christ religious systems at His appearing (2nd coming).
- v. 13-14 It is Christ who establishes the spiritual Kingdom of God which lasts for ever.
- v. 17-27 Interpretation of the vision.
 - v. 18 The world kingdom have their times of reign, but when the Messiah comes he establishes the everlasting spiritual Kingdom of God.

- v. 21 The horn (mentioned in v. 8) makes war against the Saints and prevails against them. This refers to the many Saints which were martyred during the persecutions of the Rome Catholic church.
- v. 23 The fourth beast is diverse from all the other beasts because of its religious nature.
- v. 24 The king that arises out of the remains of the Roman Empire is the Pope. He will subdue 3 kings and exercise his influence over the remaining 10 kingdoms. His is diverse from the other kings because he is actually a religious leader.
- v. 25 He speaks against the truth of God. He persecutes the Saints. He will try to pervert and change the Gospel. Anti-Christ religion in all its forms, although exemplified by Roman Catholic church, will remain upon the earth during the entire church age (times, times, and a half – 3 ½).
- v. 26 Anti-Christ religion will be judged at Christ's return when He will establish the eternal glorified Kingdom upon the earth.

Chapter 8 – From Ram (Medo-Persia) to He-Goat (Greece – Alexander) then 4 kings during later part of Grecian Empire (Greece, Asia Minor, Syria, and Egypt) and then Antiochus Ephiaphanes (of the Syrian Greek Empire)

Chapter 9 - Cyrus (Persian) to Messiah the Prince (Christ) Daniel's 70 Weeks

Chapter 10 - Daniel is to understand (and write) the events from his time to the End.

Chapter 11 - 4 Persian Kings = Alexander (Greek) = 4 Kingdoms = Antiochus Ephiaphanes

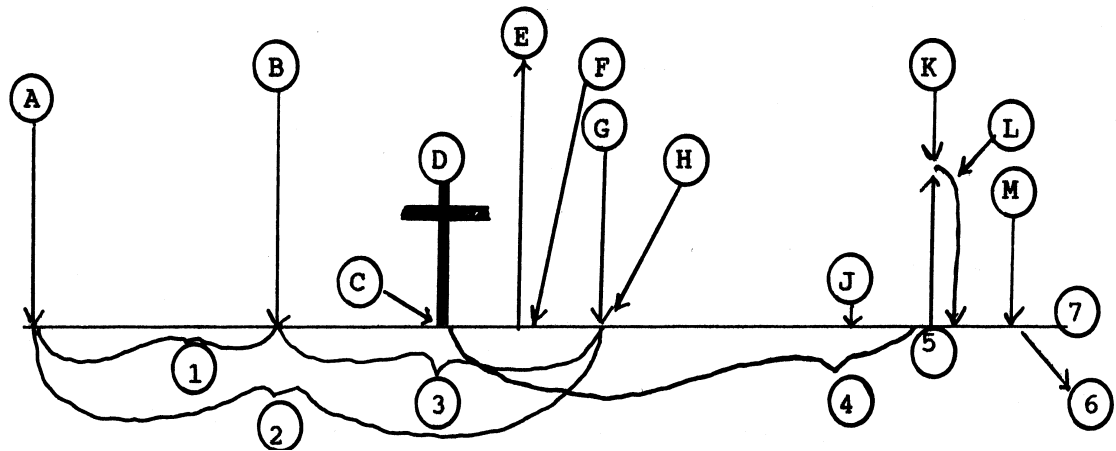
Chapter 12 - Inter-weaves Cross, Judgment, Endtime and End of World, but not in order.

Daniel's life in Babylon extended from the first year of Nebuchadnezzar through five succeeding kings, past the fall of Babylon, into the Persian Empire through the reign of Darius the Mede and into the third year of Cyrus the Persian. Daniel was in the first group of captives taken from Jerusalem to Babylon (captivity prophet).

God's providential control of the governments of men

Dan. 2:21; 2:37-38; 4:17,25,32,35; 5:21; Jer. 27:5; Prov.21:1; Psa. 75:7; Rom. 13:1

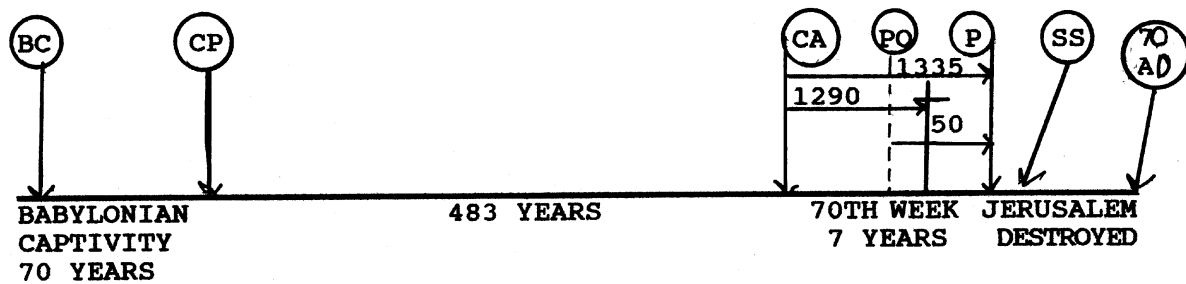
LESSON 2: OVERVIEW OF END TIME CHRONOLOGY



DRAWING SHOWING ENDTIME CHRONOLOGY OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTS

- A - King Cyrus allows Jews to return to homeland to rebuild Temple and City. Ezra 1:1-4
 - B - Jesus Christ anointed as King of the Jews (spiritual). Ends Daniel's 69th Week. Starts 70th.
 - C - Satan and his angels "BOUND" by the Cross of Christ. Rev. 20:2
 - D - Jesus dies on Cross. Fulfills Daniel 9:26 & 27. This is the middle of 70th week.
 - E - Jesus returns to Heaven 43 days later as Priest in to Holy of Holies, to God the Father.
 - F - Jesus accepted as perfect sacrifice and thus Holy spirit is poured out on Earth.
 - G - Stephen stoned ending the 70th Week of Daniel, God's final covenant with the Jews.
 - H - The Gospel of Jesus Christ goes to the whole earth BEFORE 70AD and Jewish wrath.
 - J - Rule & Reign of Christ in Heaven, Saints on earth, the "millennium and 1,000 years.
 - K - Second Coming of Christ in the air to MEET resurrected Saints.
 - L - Christ returns to earth with his Saints to remain here forever.
 - M - Final Great White Throne Judgment. Sheep/Saints from Goats/Sinners
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- 1 - The first 69 Weeks of Daniel's 70 Weeks. Cyrus' decree to the anointing of Christ.
 - 2 - The complete 70 Weeks of Daniel, running from Cyrus' decree to Stephen's stoning.
 - 3 - The 70th Week, Seven (7) years starting with Christ's anointing to Stephen's death.
 - 4 - The time of TRIBULATION to the Cross to Second Coming for all Saints on earth.
 - 5 - The Rapture to MEET the Lord in the air and come back to earth with Him.
 - 6 - The Sinners (Goat nations) cast into the Lake of Fire with Satan and his angels.
 - 7 - The Saints (Sheep nations) move into ETERNITY with the Lord in everlasting righteousness.

LESSON 2: OVERVIEW OF END TIME CHRONOLOGY (CON'T)



DANIEL'S 70 WEEKS: TIMELINE OF IMPORTANT EVENTS

- BC - Babylonian Captivity for 70 years. Captivity ends at CP, King Cyrus proclamation for the Jews to return to Israel to (1) rebuild the Temple and (2) Streets and Homes. Isa. 44:28-45:13
- CP - Cyrus proclamation for the return of the Jews to Israel. II Chron. 36:22,23 & Ezra 1:1-4. This also starts Daniel's 70 Weeks, weeks of 7 years, or 490 years from Cyrus to Messiah.
- CA - Christ is Anointed as Messiah. This ends the 69 weeks (483 years) and puts the entire ministry of Christ into the 70th Week, or final 7 years. Matt.3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22; John 1:29-34
- PO - Passover Week. From the Sabbath of this week until Pentecost was 50 days. Matt. 21:1-11,17; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:29-44; John 12:12-19
- P - Pentecost and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Dan. 12:12 shows 1335 days from the Anointing of Christ until Pentecost.
- SS - Stephen Stoned which (1) ended the 70th week of 7 years and (2) released the Apostles to take the Gospel to the Gentiles as promised by God in the O.T. Acts 7:54-60; 8:1; 11:19-21; 22:20-21
- 70AD - Jerusalem destroyed as prophesied by Christ in Matthew 23:34-38. Matt.22:1-7 King Jesus Destroys city and temple to fulfill Dan. 9:26.

LESSON 3: THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DANIEL AND REVELATION

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

A natural book, of natural happenings, written to a natural people (Israel) under a natural covenant (Law)

STARTS AT
DANIEL'S TIME & GOES TO THE CROSS

CHAPTER

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| 2 | Image of Gold, Silver, Brass, Iron,
THE STONE |
| 7 | Four Beasts: Lion, Bear, Leopard,
Dreadful |
| 8 | The Ram & He Goat, 4 Kingdoms, Little
Horn |
| 9 | King Cyrus' Proclamation Daniel's 70
Weeks |
| 10 | Kings of Persia and of Greece |
| 11 | Medes-Persians, 3 Kings, Greece, 4 Kings |
| 12 | To the Cross, Destruction of Jerusalem |

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A spiritual book, of spiritual happenings, written to a spiritual people (Church) under a spiritual covenant. (Grace)

STARTS AT
THE CROSS & GOES TO THE
SECOND COMING & FINAL JUDGMENT

CHAPTER

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| 1-3 | The Seven Churches |
| 4-7 | The Seven Seals |
| 8-11 | The Seven Angels, Trumpets |
| 12-14 | Woman, Manchild, Dragon, & 7 Angels |
| 15-16 | 7 Angels, 7 Plagues, 7 Vials |
| 17-19 | Babylon & the Two Beasts, 7 Heads |
| 20-22 | 7 Marks of the Cross to Eternity |

The Book of Daniel looks forward to the coming of the Messiah Jesus Christ, the promised redeemer, and the establishment of a New Covenant (Testament), which would take God's natural nation of Israel from being governed by the Old Testament Law and place them in a personal spiritual relationship with God. Daniel 9:24-27 particularly details the introduction of this New Covenant by the Messiah and the destruction of the Old Covenant.

The Book of Revelation also looks forward to the coming of Jesus Christ; his second coming for FINAL JUDGMENT, REWARDS, a NEW HEAVEN & EARTH and God's spiritual Israel, the Church, moving into ETERNITY with Him forever.

LESSON 4: UNDERSTANDING BIBLICAL FIGURES OF SPEECH

FIGURES OF SPEECH USED IN THE BIBLE

1. **ALLEGORY:** A story in which people, things and happenings have another meaning. (King leaves vineyard to laborers--Matt. 21:33-41)
2. **PARABLE:** A story with an earthly setting of people, places and things which have a spiritual meaning. (Ten virgins--Matt. 25:1-13)
3. **ANALOGY:** A similarity in some respects between things that otherwise are not alike. A partial resemblance. An explaining of something by comparing it point by point with something else. The inference that certain admitted resemblances imply probable further similarity. (Nebuchadnezzar's Image--Dan. 2:1-49)
4. **METAPHOR:** A figure of speech in which one thing is likened to another. A different thing being spoken of as if it were that other. Implied comparison, in which a word or phrase ordinarily and primarily used of one thing is applied to another. (Jesus calls Peter Satan--Matt. 16:23)
5. **HYPERBOLE:** Exaggeration for effect, not meant to be taken literally. (All the city at the door - Mark 1:33, world turned upside down--Acts 17:6)
6. **FIGURATIVE:** Representing a person, place or thing by means of a figure, symbol or likeness. (Peter's vision of clean and unclean animals)
7. **SYMBOL:** (Symbolic, symbolism) Something that stands for or represents another thing. (Satan called Dragon & Serpent. 12:9, 20:2)

LESSON 4: UNDERSTANDING BIBLICAL FIGURES OF SPEECH (CON'T)

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES REFLECTING THESE SEVEN WORDS.

Matt. 5:13	Matt. 13:15-17	Matt. 19:28	John 2:16
Matt. 5:14	Matt. 13:24-30	Matt. 20:22	John 2:19
Matt. 5:29,30	Matt. 13:31-32	Matt. 21:13	John 4:32-34
Matt. 6:22,23	Matt. 13:33	Matt. 21:16	John 5:25
Matt. 7:3-5	Matt. 13:44	Matt. 21:21	John 6:48-51
Matt. 7:6	Matt. 13:45-46	Matt. 21:33-45	John Chap. 10
Matt. 7:13,14	Matt. 13:47-48	Matt. 21:43	John Chap. 15
Matt. 7:15	Matt. 13:50	Matt. 21:44	
Matt. 7:16-20	Matt. 15:13	Matt. 22:1-10	
Matt. 7:24-27	Matt. 15:14	Matt. 22:11-13	
Matt. 8:22	Matt. 15:26	Matt. 22:44	
Matt. 9:15	Matt. 16:11-12	Matt. 23:33	
Matt. 9:36	Matt. 16:18	Matt. 23:37	
Matt. 9:37-38	Matt. 16:19	Matt. 24:29	
Matt. 10:6	Matt. 16:23	Matt. 25:1-13	
Matt. 10:14	Matt. 16:24	Matt. 25:14-30	
Matt. 10:16	Matt. 17:11-12	Matt. 25:32-33	
Matt. 10:34	Matt. 17:20	Matt. 26:31	
Matt. 11:25	Matt. 18:3-4	Mark 13:36	
Matt. 11:28	Matt. 18:18	Mark 14:22-24	
Matt. 12:29	Matt. 18:19	Luke 9:62	
Matt. 12:33	Matt. 18:21-22	Luke 10:19	
Matt. 13:3-9	Matt. 19:21	John 1:4-9	

LESSON 5: THE BOOK OF REVELATION

CHAPTERS

CONTENT AND THEME

(EARTHLY VIEW)

1-3	THE CHRIST EMPOWERED CHURCH IN THE WORLD
4-7	CHURCH TRIALS, PERSECUTION & TRIBULATION
8-11	THE CHURCH AVENGED, PROTECTED & VICTORIOUS

(HEAVENLY VIEW)

12-14	SATAN THE DRAGON AGAINST CHRIST
15-16	GOD'S WRATH ON UNBELIEVERS
17-19	BABYLON AND THE TWO BEASTS FALL
20-22	SATAN'S DEFEAT, CHRIST & CHURCH VICTORIOUS

1. The Book of Revelation is divided into seven (7) parallel sections.
2. Each section describes the entire Gospel Age from the cross to the second coming of Christ, end of the world, final judgment and eternity.
3. The language is spiritual but is rooted in natural Israel's history; therefore the symbols can be understood from the Old Testament.
4. Though the language uses signs and pictures, this book is about Jesus Christ and his Church victorious, NOT about antichrist or the nation of Israel presently in the Middle East. Because Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever, there are no new or strange doctrines in Revelation, but only those things which have already been given to us by the New Testament writers.
5. Jesus is here revealed as Lord of the Harvest and Judge of all.
6. Chapters 1 through 11 show the struggle of the church in the world from the time of the cross to final judgment - 3 times.
7. Chapters 12 through 22 show the struggle between Christ and Satan from the time of the cross to final judgment 4 times.
8. Numbers have particular spiritual significance in this book (i.e., the number seven appears fifty-four times in this book, and the seven's are arranged in groups of three's and four's).
9. The various symbols used (seals, trumpets, bowls) do not refer to specific events or happenings, but to principles of human conduct and of the moral government of God in operation throughout the Gospel age.
10. Because Jesus is coming the second time as judge, the theme of judgment becomes greater and greater as we read this book. Judgment begins at the house of God (Chapters 1-3) and ends with the entire unbelieving world. In Chapters 1-11 judgment is announced, and in Chapters 12-20 judgment is described symbolically and in detail.

Parallel Chapters in the Book of Revelation

O.T. Times Before the Cross	Cross of Christ	Church Age Millennial Kingdom Tribulation	Great Falling Away Loosing of Satan	2 nd Coming of Christ	Final Judgment	Marriage Supper of the Lamb Eternity
		Chap. 1-3 Condition of the Church to the second coming of Christ				
Chap. 4 The Throne of God						
	Chap. 5 Ascension of Christ					
		Chap. 6-7 Church in tribulation and persecution				
		Chap. 8-9 Church avenged / Judgments upon the ungodly				
				Chap. 10 Time of Salvation is no more		
		Chap. 11 Church and Holy Spirit witness for God				
Chap. 12 Satan cast down						
Chap. 13 A/C Government and Religion war against the Church						
				Chap. 14 Saints with Christ / ungodly judged		
		Chap. 15 Description of the Church triumphant				
			Chap. 16 Last plagues and Final Judgment			
Chap. 17-18 Description of Babylon, spiritual dwelling place of all the ungodly, and its judgment						
						Chap. 19 Saints rejoice, Marriage supper
Chap. 20 Satan bound at the cross, loosed near the end, and then judged						
						Chap. 21-22 New Heaven and New Earth

CHAPTER 1

The REVELATION of John, as given to him by Jesus Christ, through an angel using signs.

- v.1- "signified" - shown by signs, also used in Jn. 12:32-33; 18:31-32; 21:18-19;
Acts 11:28; 21:10-11; 25:27
"must shortly come to pass" - for the church from that time forward
- v.3- KEY TO THIS BOOK -
Blessed is he that:
 - A. READS this revelation of sign/words.
 - B. HEARS this revelation of sign/words.
 - C. KEEPS this revelation of sign/words.
 - D. FOR THE TIME IS AT HAND (see v.1 "shortly")
- v.4- To the seven churches which are in Asia" John is writing on behalf of Jesus Christ. These were all located within the area of Asia Minor which is today the country of Turkey. The island of Patmos, where John received this vision from the Lord Jesus, is located just off the Turkish coast. Though this area of the world nurtured the growth of Christianity, today 98 percent of Turkey's citizens are Muslims.
- v.19- Christ tells John:
"Write the things which thou HAST SEEN, and the things WHICH ARE, and the things WHICH SHALL BE HEREAFTER. "While the purpose of this prophecy is to edify and comfort the church by showing what is to come, a history is first recounted to bring to remembrance what is already known. This is a common pattern in biblical writing.
- v.20- "mystery" - when used in the Bible this means man does not know it, but God is going to reveal what it means and not keep it hidden.

CHAPTERS 2-3

Christ's letters to the seven churches follow a pattern of (1) commending for good, followed (2) by convincing of sin, (3) consoling with the mercy of God and, finally, (4) challenging with eternal rewards. These letters are sent to the "angel of the church" (Greek="aggelos") which means messenger, human or superhuman. Here it would mean leader or pastor of these churches.

- v.1- CHURCH IN EPHESUS √ Overcoming ____ Not Overcoming ____
- v.2- "them which say they are apostles" - antichrists
- v.4- "thou hast left thy first love" - heart relationship
- v.5- "thou art fallen," "repent and do the first works" or judgment
- v.6- deeds of Nicolaitans which Christ hates
- v.7- overcome, eat of the tree of life

- v.8- CHURCH IN SMYRNA √ Overcoming ____ Not Overcoming ____
- v.9- "them which say they are Jews" - antichrists
- v.10- suffer, tried, tribulation-be faithful unto death/crown of life
- v.11- overcome, no second death

- v.12- CHURCH IN PERGAMOS √ Overcoming ____ Not Overcoming ____
 v.13- "where Satan's seat is," "where Satan dwelleth" - archeology shows this was the seat of ancient Babylonian religion, altar of Zeus with continual burning sacrifices, also a place where many Christians were martyred
 v.14- doctrine of Balaam (see Num. 25:1-3 & 31:15-16; 2 Pet. 2:14-15; Jude 11)
 v.15- doctrine of Nicolaitans which Christ hates
 v.16- repent or sudden judgment
 v.17- overcome, hidden manna/white stone (acquittal)/new name

- v.18- CHURCH IN THYATIRA √ Overcoming ____ Not Overcoming ____
 v.19- "thy works" is mentioned twice - a church into works
 v.20- "Jezebel...callest herself a prophetess" - antichrist (I Kings 16:31; II Kings 9:7)
 v.21- "space to repent" - God gives everyone opportunity or space or time to repent; it is His mercy.
 v.23- judgment "according to your works"
 v.24- "the rest," "as many as have not this doctrine" - not all in church are in sin
 v.25- "hold fast" - endure to the end
 v.26- overcome and keep Christ's works - power over the nations (peoples)
 v.27- rule them with a rod of iron (sceptre of righteousness) / receive morning star

- Chapter 3 CHURCH IN SARDIS √ Overcoming ____ Not Overcoming ____
 v.1- has a reputation of life, but is dead
 v.2- "strengthen the things which remain" - works are not perfect
 v.3- repent and hold fast or sudden judgment
 v.4- a few are not in sin and are clothed in white
 v.5- overcome - white clothing/not blotted out of the "book of life"

- v.7- CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA √ Overcoming ____ Not Overcoming ____
 v.8- has an open door from Christ because "thou hast kept my word and hast not denied my name"
 v.9- "say they are Jews" - antichrists
 v.10- kept from the hour of temptation (judgment) coming
 v.11- "hold that fast...that no man take thy crown" (of life)
 v.12- overcome - pillar in God's temple/New Jerusalem written on them

- v.14- CHURCH IN LAODICEA √ Overcoming ____ Not Overcoming ____
 v.16- lukewarm church is vomited out of Christ's mouth
 v.17- "thou sayest" - really wretched, miserable, poor, blind, naked spiritually while believing themselves in need of nothing (deceived)
 v.18- buy gold tried in the fire from Christ (Isa. 55:1-3), white clothing and anoint eyes (true spiritual riches)
 v.19- repent at the chastening of the Lord
 v.20- open the door of heart to give Christ entrance
 v.21- overcome - sit at throne with Christ

CHAPTERS 4-7

Christ at the throne of God, his Church in the world.

CHAPTER 4 THE THRONE OF GOD

John is seeing the same vision of the glory of the throne of God as Ezekiel saw in Ezek.1. The four faces of the cherubim: lion = strength; calf (or ox) = service; man = intelligence; eagle = swiftness. These faces were on the standards of Israel as they encamped around the tabernacle in the wilderness (Num. 2).

CHAPTER 5 THE THRONE OF GOD AND OF THE LAMB

- v.1- sealed book (see Is.29:11; Dan.12:4, 9)
- v.2- "strong" angel may be Satan, the accuser of the brethren
- v.3-4 no man was worthy to open and read the book (of prophecy)
- v.5- Jesus Christ has overcome and can open the book of vision and prophecy!
(Heb.1:1-2; Rev.22:16)
- v.6- Jesus, the Lamb as it had been slain
- v.9- "new song" is the New Testament song (see 4:11 - O.T. song) Jesus has made us kings and priests to God (see 1:6) and we shall reign on the earth (Rom.5:17; Eph.2:4-6; II Tim.2:12)
- v.13- Blessing, honor, glory, power to him that sits on the throne and to the Lamb! forever
(Acts 7:55-56; Rom.8:34; Eph.1:20-22; Heb.1:3; 9:24; 12:2)

CHAPTER 6 CHRIST'S CHURCH IN TRIBULATION AND PERSECUTION

- v.2- white horse, bow, crown, conquering (Jesus with Gospel, Rev.19:11)
- v.4- red horse, takes peace, kills, great sword (warfare, infighting)
- v.5- black horse, balances
- v.6- famine (from II Kings 7:1), but hurt not oil and wine (God's people, from Gen.27:28; Deut.33:28 - same as 7:3, 9:4)
- v.8- pale horse, death by sword, hunger, beasts (Lev.26:14-39) Though this is a spiritual message to the Church about the continuing pattern of tribulation as the Gospel goes forth (and is rejected), the language of "sword, famine, pestilence" can be traced particularly throughout the book of Jeremiah and Ezekiel. (Jer.5:11-12; 11:22; 14:12-18; 15:2; 16:4; 18:21; 21:8-10; 24:10; 27:8,13; 29:17-19; 32:24,36; 34:17; 38:2; 42:15-17,2; 44:12-13)
- v.9- souls under the altar, slain for the Gospel (tribulation)
- v.10- How long until judgment and saints avenged? Psalms 79:10
- v.11- When all saints have been tried, "a little season" or the rest of the Gospel age, Rom.9:28; Rev.12:12 ("killed as they were" see Psalms 44:22; Rom.8:35-36)
- v.12- "sun, moon, stars" language is from the O.T. and depicts God's light and favor on a nation or, if the light is going out, his disfavor and impending judgment. (Gen.37:9; Isa.13:10; Jer.31:35-36; 33:20-22; Joel:2:10, 31; 3:15; Matt.24:29; Mk.13:24-25; Lk.21:25; Acts 2:19-20). All men want to flee from God's wrath (Isa.2:10-22)

CHAPTER 7 THE CHURCH, THE REDEEMED IN ETERNITY

- v.1- four angels, four corners, four winds (over all the earth)
- v.3- servants of God sealed in their foreheads (Ezek.9:2-6)
- v.4- 144,000 were sealed (12 O.T. tribes x 12 N.T. apostles = 144. 1,000 = great, undetermined)

number. So 144,000 are all the redeemed saints of God, Old and New Testament. The tribes named in verses 4-9 are not the same tribes listed in Num. 2. The tribes listed here begin with the tribe of Judah, not Reuben, from which Christ, the firstborn from the dead came.

(Col.1:15,18; Rom.8:29). The tribes of Dan and Ephraim are missing, and the names of Joseph and Levi are added as tribes. Each name given here gives some characteristic of the Church (Gen.30). Judah = praise; Reuben = firstborn; Gad = troop, great company; Aser = happiness, fatness; Nephtalim = my wrestling; Manasses = forgiven; Simeon = my hearers; Levi = joined ones; Issachar = bring reward; Zabulon = dwelling; Joseph = adding, increase; Benjamin = son of the right hand. (Dan = judged & Ephraim = fruitful in affliction, not used because of meaning of their names)

- v.9- The sealed tribes are a great multitude which no one could number from all the peoples of the earth, clothed in white robes before the throne of the Lamb; the church, all of the redeemed of the ages.
- v.14- Those in white robes have come out of great tribulation for the Lord. God and the Lamb shall be with them throughout eternity!

CHAPTERS 8-11

The Church avenged, protected and victorious.

CHAPTER 8 AVENGING OF THE SAINTS, JUDGMENT

- v.1- seventh seal/seven trumpets announce coming judgment
- v.3- prayers of all saints come before God
- v.7- judgment on earth starts while Gospel is going out
- v.8-11 great star called "Wormwood" or bitterness on waters = Satan falls from heaven (Rev.12) and sets about to deceive with perverted doctrine or lies (Jer.8:14; 9:15; 23:15; Lam.3:19)
- v.12- sun, moon, stars = God's light is removed
- v.13- "Woe, woe, woe" to earth's inhabitants (Rev.12:12)

CHAPTER 9 SATAN IS LOOSED FOR FINAL BATTLE

- v.1- Satan's army is loosed from the bottomless pit by Michael (Rev.20:1) for final war for hearts of men.
- v.3- "locusts" (Judges 7:12)
- v.4- "the seal of God in their foreheads" (Ex.12:7,23; Ex.28:36-38 "Holiness to the Lord"; Rom.8:6; 12:2; Heb.8:10; 10:16-17)
- v.5- Satan's army described like Israel's enemies in Joel 1:6; 2:1-10.
- v.11- The king, angel of the bottomless pit, Apollyon (destroyer)=Satan
- v.14- Hordes of Satan minister destruction.
- v.20- Those who were not destroyed also did not repent of their idolatry.

CHAPTER 10 JOHN EATS THE BOOK

- v.1-3 "mighty angel" described like God/Jesus in Ezek. 1:26-28.
- v.6- swore by himself (Heb.6:13) "that there should be time no longer" NOW is the day of salvation, but there is coming a day when there is no longer time for salvation, only judgment.

v.8- John must take the book, eat it (sweet but bitter) and then must prophesy to Church (Ezek.2:8-3:3)

CHAPTER 11 THE TWO WITNESSES, THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE CHURCH

v.1- "measure the temple of God" (I Cor.3:16; II Cor.6:16; Eph.2:19-22)

v.2- Church is the temple, unbelievers are the "Gentiles," holy city is New Jerusalem or Church

v.3- The "two witnesses" have power, will prophesy or speak for God. Acts 1:8 and Romans 1:16 tell us what the power from God is.

Psa. 52:8

Isa. 59:20-21

Jer. 11:16

Zech. 4:1-14

Matt. 10:19-20

Mark 16:20

John 4:23,24

John 15:26-27

Acts 1:8

*Acts 2:32-33

*Acts 5:32

Rom. 8:16

1 Thess. 1:5

Heb. 2:3-4

1 John 5:8-10

*Rev. 22:17

v.4- David (Psa.52:8) and Israel (Jer.11:16) both called olive trees and green trees (alive), running with the oil of Holy Spirit (see Zech.4:3-6)

v.5- The witnesses with the Spirit and Truth have great joy witnessing. Persecution follows the truth, and judgment to the persecutors.

v.6- Described as having the supernatural power of Elijah and Moses.

v.7- Satan makes war with saints throughout the Gospel age.

v.8- Satan appears victorious. Sodom (immorality) Egypt (idolatry) represent world's persecution of saints, just as Jesus was.

v.9- However the saints end up the victors at resurrection/judgment day.

v.13- God sends judgment upon persecutors, just like in Egypt.

v.15- God's eternal kingdom has come along with final judgment.

v.18- All the dead are judged for eternity (Jn.5:28-29; Rev.20:11-13)

Book of Revelation Quiz: Symbols And Meanings

1. ____ White Robes
 - a) Attire made from the finest linen
 - b) Our heavenly uniforms
 - c) Clothing to be used by the choir in glory
 - d) The spiritual clothing of righteousness
2. ____ Thousand
 - a) The number between 999 and 1,001
 - b) Represents a large, undetermined amount
 - c) A small amount
 - d) Number of ministry
3. ____ Star
 - a) A bright light in the night sky
 - b) Demons
 - c) An angel or messenger from God
 - d) Comets
4. ____ Candlestick
 - a) Used to give light in the tabernacle
 - b) A light emitting object that represents the Church
 - c) Represents judgment
 - d) Having a heart like wax
5. ____ Jews
 - a) The people of God (the Church, Body of Christ)
 - b) Those born in the nation of Israel
 - c) Direct descendants of Judah
 - d) Followers of Judaism
6. ____ Gentiles
 - a) All those not born in the nation of Israel
 - b) All those belonging to a goat country like China
 - c) They no longer exist
 - d) All unbelievers (non-Christians)
7. ____ Jerusalem
 - a) The spiritual city of God (the Church, Body of Christ)
 - b) The capital city of the nation of Israel
 - c) The holiest city on the earth
 - d) The largest religious city in the world
8. ____ Babylon
 - a) A middle-eastern city now in ruins
 - b) The current city of Baghdad in Iraq
 - c) A once great Gentile city representing all the ungodly in the world
 - d) Future site of the rebuilding of the Tower of Babel
9. ____ The Lamb
 - a) A clean animal used by the Israelites for food
 - b) Jesus Christ - the once and for all sacrifice for sin
 - c) Someone who acts very meek and humble
 - d) A baby sheep
10. ____ Dragon
 - a) A mythical beast that will terrify people in the end
 - b) The United Nations
 - c) The United States of America
 - d) A hideous beast representing Satan himself
11. ____ Earth, Sea, and Trees
 - a) Terms for the people of the world
 - b) The ecological system of the world
 - c) The beautiful creation of God
 - d) It means Earth, Sea, and Trees literally
12. ____ 144,000
 - a) The number of natural Jews (actual virgins) who will minister for God after the Church and the Holy Spirit is removed from the earth
 - b) This is all the people that can fit into heaven
 - c) A special group of born-again natural Jews who will have special authority in heaven
 - d) A number representing all of the Saved of mankind throughout history
13. ____ Incense
 - a) A thick smoke
 - b) The prayers of the saints
 - c) A sweet smelling odor burned during church services
 - d) The prayers of sinners

14. ____ Wormwood

- a) A special chemical bomb to be developed by the Chinese
- b) A special tree only found in the land of Israel
- c) A end-times tree which will bring forth a terrible plague of natural worms
- d) Refers to the polluting of the water of the Word by Satan

15. ____ Scorpions and Serpents

- a) Iraq and Iran
- b) All the enemies of the Christian (sheep) nation of America
- c) The great Chinese (goat) armies that will eventually invade the natural nation of Israel once the Euphrates River runs out of water
- d) Two animals that represent the kingdom of darkness

16. ____ Temple of God

- a) The Vatican
- b) All the church buildings in Christendom
- c) The place where God dwells (His Church, Body of Christ)
- d) A natural, physical building in Israel where God will once again reside someday

17. ____ Two Witnesses

- a) Elijah and Moses
- b) Paul and Barnabas
- c) Enoch and Methuselah
- d) The Church and The Holy Spirit
- e) Aquila and Priscilla

18. ____ 3 ½, 42 months, and 1260 days

- a) The last half of Daniel's 70th week
- b) Half of 7 - an imperfect number, undetermined amount
- c) The first half of Daniel's 70th week
- d) The middle part of Daniel's 70th week

19. ____ God's mark on the forehead

- a) The sign of the cross made by a priest on your forehead
- b) The ash placed on the forehead on Ash Wednesday
- c) Christian tattoos
- d) A spiritual mark - a mind surrendered to God

20. ____ Beast's mark on the forehead

- a) A computer chip implanted in the brain
- b) The product code on items scanned in stores
- c) A tattoo that will eventually be required by the United Nations
- d) A spiritual mark - a mind surrendered to Satan

21. ____ Virgins

- a) Israelite men who have never been with women
- b) Women who have never been with men
- c) Young ladies who are innocent
- d) Those who are spiritually chaste and holy before the Lord

CHAPTERS 12-14

Satan cast out of heaven and makes war against the saints

CHAPTER 12 THE ACCUSER OF THE BRETHREN IS CAST DOWN

- v.1- The Woman clothed with sun, moon, stars is believing remnant of O.T. Israel. (Gen.37:9)
- v.2- She is with child, Messiah, (Isa.66:7), ready to be delivered
- v.3- Great red dragon Satan (v.9) had access to heaven (Job 1:6-7)
- v.4- Satan wants to devour the child at birth (Matt.2:16-18)
- v.5- Woman brings forth man child, Jesus Christ, who would rule (Heb.1:8) and was caught up to God and his throne (Acts 1:9-11)
- v.6- The N.T. Church (woman is now Jewish believers in Christ) flees into the wilderness (world) where she is nourished by God throughout the Gospel age. (v. 14)
- v.7- When Jesus was caught up to his throne, there was war in heaven, Michael/angels fought Satan/angels.
- v.8- Satan and his angels now "cast out" of heaven never to return.
- v.9- Old Serpent, Devil, Satan had deceived the whole world previously. Now because of Christ's cross, Satan and his angels have been "cast" to earth until the end and "bound" from deceiving the whole world while the Gospel goes out through the Spirit-empowered Church.
- v.10- Satan, who accused the O.T. saints of having sin in their consciences, can no longer accuse them before God. Christ has made all saints, O.T. and N.T. cleansed and free from sin and sinful motivations.
- v.11- The N.T. Church/saints/brethren now were able to OVERCOME Satan by the Holy Spirit of regeneration (i.e.,born-again, sins forgiven), by being baptized with the Holy Spirit, and by spiritually knowing the truth and living it. (Remember, Satan was not literally chained or bound in a pit, but only in the sense of having his darkness dispelled by the light of Gospel truth.)
- v.12- Woe to the unbelievers of the earth, for Satan comes now knowing that he has a short time to try and capture men for eternity.(Rom.9:28)
- v.13- Satan persecutes the woman (Church) that brought forth Christ.
- v.14- But God protects this new Church and nourishes it. (Ex.19:4)
- v.15- Satan floods the woman with lies (water = words) to cause her to fall away.
- v.16- The lies are believed by the world.
- v.17- Satan makes war with the "remnant of her seed," believers throughout the Gospel age.

CHAPTER 13 HOW SATAN WARS AGAINST THE CHURCH, THE TWO BEASTS

- v.1- The Beast from the Sea: 7 heads = perfection of evil, 10 horns = complete power, crowns = authority, heads have name of blasphemy = marked by Satan
- v.2- leopard, bear, lion are symbols of world governments (Dan.7)
- v.3- head wounded to death, but healed = kingdom of Christ came into the world under Roman Empire, which disintegrated, but out of its ashes came the Holy Roman Empire.
- v.4- Governmental authority against the saints was wielded in the Roman Empire, and such persecution of believers has and will continue from the cross to the second coming of Christ. The 42 months in v.5 is the same as a time, and times and half a time or 3 1/2 years or 1260

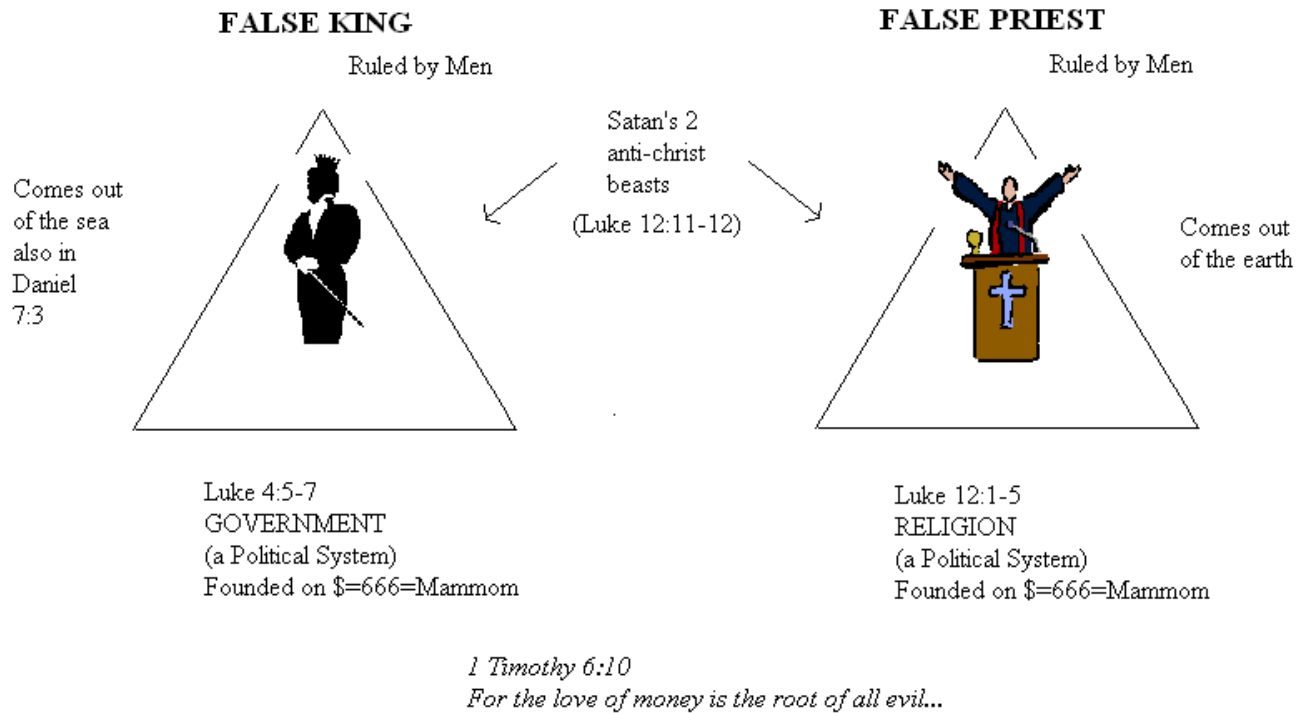
days, referring to an incomplete or undetermined amount of time in contrast to the complete and perfect number 7. These phrases refer to the Gospel age, whatever its length may be. (In Rev.20:2 the term "a thousand years" is used the same way.)

- v.10- A warning that those who use governmental force and violence will be judged accordingly. The patience and faith of the saints is to endure this type of persecution and overcome.
- v.11- The Beast from the Earth: two horns like the lamb Christ, but this beast speaks like Satan = antichrist religion. Gets the people to worship and trust the first beast, government.
- v.13- This beast performs lying signs and wonders and deceives men. This is the false prophet of Rev.16:13.
- v.14- image made to the first beast (conformed to world, not Christ)
- v.15- Those who would not worship image were killed (symbolism from Daniel in lion's den)
- v.16- The mark of the beast is the acceptance and allegiance to the antichrist governmental and religious systems coming into the true temple of God (Church) and proclaiming themselves to be/speak for God. Giving their minds (forehead) and power (right hand) over to these systems, people take the mark of the beast. The saints are marked in their foreheads also (Spirit teaches us the mind of Christ and empowers us to be witnesses).
- v.17- "buy or sell" - Jesus says to buy his truth and sell it not, to buy gold tried in the fire. Unless people take the mark of the beast, and be conformed to the antichrist system's image, they cannot share God's truth.
- v.18- The number 6 is the number of man (falls short of God's perfection of 7.) 666 is found in II Chron. 9:13, designating the gold that King Solomon took in one year's taxes. Certainly the love of money is the root of all evil, and man's systems always must take money to function.

Revelation 13 - Satan's Two Beasts

- 1) God intended that there be only one government for mankind - HIS THEOCRACY (God rule) through the reign of JESUS CHRIST, King of Kings, in the hearts of men. (Isa.9:6)
- 2) God also intended that there be only one religion for mankind - through the blood of his high priest, JESUS CHRIST, Lord of the hearts of men. (Heb.4:14; 7:24,25; 5:8-9)

When we receive 1) and 2) spiritually, we as individuals become a priesthood of believers, ruling and reigning with Christ, and kings and priests before God as the Body of Christ. The antichrists (people or systems) of this world just cannot accept this position of God's, nor our position in God through Christ, so they must persecute all true believers in some way. We know from scripture that the "Shepherds of Israel" (Ezek.34:1-4) had so perverted God's true faith, that by the time Jesus appeared the Jewish religious leaders tried to kill Christ 10 times before the crucifixion. These same religious leaders persecuted the apostles in Jerusalem and hounded them from city to city (read Acts) where they went to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This same type of persecution comes from "false" Christianity when any believer tries to minister the gospel independently. Without being part of the "image" of the beast, he can't "buy or sell". (Isa.55:1-3)



II Chron. 9:13 Riches of unrighteousness. Riches without God are also in Ps.49:6; 52:7; Pro.11:28; Matt.13:22.

Because government and religion are the two universal structures of society, and because both seek to dictate and control men's beliefs and actions, then both are part of Satan's kingdom to rule men apart from God's plan. No governmental ideology is "good" or "right," then, since in the final analysis it cannot allow men to follow God's will in ALL things (and continue to exist itself)! Likewise, religion of any denomination cannot exist in its earthly form without insisting that people commit themselves to trust in its creeds above all else, even when in direct conflict with the Spirit and Word of God. (Matt.10:17-18) So the saints of every age have done battle with these two beasts who were responsible for Jesus Christ's persecution and death. They could not accept THE KINGDOM OF GOD and continue to maintain their own kingdoms. (Acts 4:26-29; 5:29; John 19:12-16)

Examples of persecution of God's people by government: Pharaoh of Egypt and the Israelites; Saul vs. David; Ahab (and Jezebel) vs. Elijah and also Naboth; all of Israel's wicked kings vs. true believers; Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon vs. Daniel and also vs. the 3 Hebrew children; Darius of Medo-Persia vs. Daniel; Haman of Persia vs. Mordecai, Esther and all the Jews; Antiochus Epiphanes of Greece vs. all Israel (caused the Maccabean revolt); Herod of Rome vs. John the Baptist; Herod of Rome vs. Jesus Christ; Pontius Pilate vs. Jesus Christ; Herod vs. James and Peter; the magistrates at Philippi vs. Paul and Silas; Felix, Festus, Agrippa and Caesar vs. Paul. (Remember Gal.4:29)

CHAPTER 14 THE LAMB, THE 144,000, THE JUDGMENT

We have seen the heavenly war in chapter 12 and its outworking on the earth in chapter 13, as man's

political and religious powers unite to crush God's people. Chapter 14 shows us the reality of victory for the Church and judgment of ungodly man and his systems to encourage us in the battle.

- v.1- Christ on mount Sion (Spiritual) with the 144,000 (all saints)
- v.2- The new song, known only by the redeemed of Christ.
- v.4- virgins (II Cor.11:2) the bride engaged to Christ; firstfruits James 1:18)
- v.5- All found without fault; no sin for Satan to accuse them of.
- v.6- 1st angel showing forth the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all men.
- v.7- announces the hour of judgment; worship the creator.
- v.8- 2nd angel announces that Babylon (world) is fallen.
- v.9- 3rd angel separates for judgment those that worshipped and took the mark of the beast.
- v.10- These shall receive the wrath of God. (Rom.1:18-25; Acts 18:29-31; Eph.5:5-7) For "cup" see Psa. 75:8; Isa.51:17; Jer.25:15; Matt.23:32; I Thess. 2:16.
- v.11- The faithful saints which have died may rest; judgment is coming
- v.14- God's final judgment of unbelievers described as harvest (Jer. 51:33; Joel 3:13; Matt.13:39)

CHAPTERS 15-16

God's judgment of the ungodly is described in detail. The Rev. 8 and 9 "trumpets" are parallel with chapter 16's "vials." Compare the plagues of Egypt in Ex.7:14-11:9 with the last seven plagues. God's plagues on Egypt mocked their false gods. How do the final plagues come against mankind's idols?

CHAPTER 15 THE VIALS OF WRATH

- v.1- 7 angels with 7 last plagues of the wrath of God
- v.2- Overcoming saints worship before God's throne.
- v.3- Saints sing song of Moses (O.T.) and the Lamb (N.T.)
- v.7- "Vial" means "bowl of the cup" or drinking bowls, which is God's cup of wrath poured out on all unbelievers.

CHAPTER 16 THE 7 LAST PLAGUES OF JUDGMENT

- v.2- 1st angel pours on those with the mark of the beast
- v.3- 2nd angel pours on sea, became as blood
- v.4- 3rd angel pours on rivers and fountains, became as blood
- v.5- This is righteous judgment because the ungodly have shed the blood of the prophets and saints
- v.8- 4th angel pours upon sun, scorches men with fire
- v.9- Men blasphemed God's name and did not repent
- v.10- 5th angel pours on seat of the beast, darkness and pain
- v.11- Men blasphemed God because of pain and sores, but did not repent
- v.12- 6th angel pours on river Euphrates, dries up, prepares for kings of the east to come and do final battle (taken from O.T. history of battles)
Foretells of the downfall of spiritual Babylon (city of the ungodly). The Euphrates river was dried up (diverted) to allow the kings of the east (Cyrus) to overtake the ancient city of Babylon.

- v.13- Three unclean spirits like frogs come from mouth of dragon (Satan), mouth of beast (governments) and mouth of false prophet (2nd beast or lamb with two horns). These have unholy supernatural power to influence the leaders and people of the world to gather for great final battle (Armageddon, v. 16; 17:13-14; 20:9)
- v.15- warning to Church to stay awake and walk in holiness.
- v.17- 7th angel pours into the air, "It is done," final judgment
- v.19- wrath on Babylon (world)
- v.21- plague of hail, men still blasphemed God

CHAPTERS 17-19 THE JUDGMENT OF BABYLON, MOTHER OF HARLOTS

The fall of Babylon (or symbolically the destruction of the world and all of its allurements) is so important that John wrote two chapters of prophecy about it. Ancient Babylon was founded as early as 3,000 BC (Gen.10:10) and was known for the Tower of Babel ("gateway to God"), representing man's attempt to reach God without a relationship. Under King Nebuchadnezzar II (605-562 BC) Babylon attained its wonderful splendor. His goal was to make this the greatest city of the world. Babylon was 200 square miles on both sides of the Euphrates River with manmade canals and waterways, parks and beautiful buildings. The Hanging Gardens of Babylon, built for a princess, were considered one of the great wonders of the world. The city was fortified with a double thickness of brick walls and towers, with another wall of defense 20 yards out. There were more than 50 temples to various deities in the city. Babylon took backslidden Israel (Judah) into 70 years of captivity as God had prophesied, and the book of Daniel tells of the fall of Babylon to the Medo-Persian Empire (Dan.5:25-31). Today the Baghdad railroad line of Iraq passes within a few yards of the mound that was once the most splendid city of the world, a city with a 3,000 year history that was made desolate by God's judgment. Scriptures concerning O.T. Babylon include: Isa.13:17-19;14:4-5;21:9; Isa.47; Jer. 50 & 51. Also compare this harlot to the harlot (or strange woman) who is warned of in Proverbs 2:16-19; 5 & 7.

- v.1- judgment of the great whore that sits on many waters (peoples)
- v.2- leaders and people of the earth made drunk with wine of her fornication (spiritual prostitution and adultery)
- v.3- sits on scarlet beast, Satan, the "god of this world" 7 heads and 10 horns (Rev.12:3; 13:1)
- v.4- Looks good, but full of abominations and filth of fornication.
- v.5- Her forehead is marked with a name too. "Mother of Harlots" would mean idolatry came forth from her (Gen.10:8-10, the city of Nimrod). Symbolically, Babylon the world offers people all the lusts of the flesh, lust of the eyes and pride of life as idols.
- v.6- drunk with the blood of the saints (tempted and killed by her)
- v.7- mystery of woman and beast revealed to John
- v.8- beast is Satan (Rev.9:11; Isa.14)
- v.9- 7 heads are 7 mountains (or powers)
- v.10- 7 kings (Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome)
- v.11- Satan himself is of the 7 and goes into perdition
- v.12- 10 horns = 10 kings, have power "one hour" (v.10 "short space")
- v.13- one mind, united, give their power to beast (marked)
- v.14- kings make war with Lamb/saints, but Lamb wins
- v.15- waters are people of the earth

- v.16- 10 kings actually destroy the whore (things of world)
- v.17- It is God's will that they destroy Babylon.
- v.18- Babylon reigns over the kings of the earth (through lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, pride of life)

CHAPTER 18 BABYLON'S JUDGMENT DESCRIBED

- v.2- Babylon is fallen (destroyed)
- v.4- "Come out of her, my people" Isa.48:20; Jer.51:6,45-
How do the saints come out of the world while still living in it?
Matt. 6:19-24, 33; II Cor. 6:14-18; Col. 3:1-11; James 1:12-16;
James 4:4; James 5:1-10; I Jn. 2:15-17; II Pet. 3:10-14
- v.12- Babylon makes merchandise of everything, including the souls of men (to idolatry)
- v.19- "In one hour" is she made desolate (sudden destruction)
- v.20- God's saints are avenged in her destruction
- v.24- The blood of all God's righteous is in her

CHAPTER 19 SAINTS REJOICE, MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB

- v.1- saints rejoice at God's righteous judgment of Babylon
- v.7- time for the marriage of the lamb, his bride has made herself ready - pure, without spot or blemish (no sin)
- v.8- fine white linen is righteousness of the saints (no sin)
- v.9- Those called to the marriage supper of the Lamb are blessed.
- v.10- "The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." (Jn.5:39; Acts 10:43; I Pet. 1:10-11)
- v.11- Jesus, King of Kings, coming from heaven on white horse
- v.14- saints coming with him on white horses, in white linen
- v.15- mouth has sharp sword (Word), rod of iron is sceptre of righteousness, treadeth winepress of God's wrath (judgment)
- v.17- birds devour the slain/judged (Ezek.39:17-20)
- v.19- war of Armageddon
- v.20- beast and false prophet (or lamb with two horns) judged
- v.21- final judgment of all ungodly

Some thoughts about Babylon and its meaning in Revelation

1. Called the great harlot which indicates she allures, tempts, seduces and draws people away from God. Satan tempted Christ with harlot world.
2. She is a counterfeit to the Church, the bride of the coming king.
3. Babylon not only symbolizes all of the pleasures of the world, but also all of the industry, commerce, art and culture insofar as these become a distraction to serving God.
4. She also symbolizes the luxury, vice and glamour of this world.
5. Certainly the picture was vivid to those of the first century who saw Rome as such a combination of beast-harlot (I Pet.5:13). But for God's purposes it would apply to any kingdoms/worldly lusts in the Gospel age. Hence a rejoicing of the saints in any age to read of the defeat and destruction of such a deceiver and destroyer of souls.
6. No wonder, then, the cry in 18:4 to "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of

- her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."
7. The real message of Revelation is to (1) show the victory of the Kingdom of God over all opposition in every age and (2) the judgment that will come upon Satan, the world, and every antichrist government and religious system of man.

CHAPTERS 20-22

Final judgment and New Jerusalem eternal

CHAPTER 20 SATAN BOUND 1,000 YEARS, FINAL JUDGMENT

- v.1- angel with key to bottomless pit and chain (Rev.9:1-2)
- v.2- Satan bound 1,000 years by angel (Michael in Rev.12:7 cast Satan out of heaven as a result of Christ's sacrifice)
 - Greek word translated as thousand: "chilioi" pronounced (Khil-ee-oy)
 - Strong's definition: a plural of uncertain affinity
 - Should be translated as unknown thousand(s)
- v.3- Satan was "sealed" in darkness, could no longer deceive anyone in the world who wanted God's truth. After 1,000 years (Gospel age) Satan must be loosed a "little season," or short time, for the final deception of the world (great battle)
- v.4- God's saints, the witnesses/overcomers, live and reigned with Christ this same 1,000 years or Gospel age.
- v.5- This reigning of the saints is called the first resurrection and comes as a result of being born-again or regenerated by the Holy Spirit. (Jn.11:25-26; Rom.6:4-5) What about the rest of the dead, the ungodly who have lived and died? They aren't resurrected until the end of the Gospel age and final judgment.
- v.6- Those who have been part of the first resurrection (born-again) are blessed and holy, are priests of God and reign throughout Gospel age. The second death cannot hurt them.
- v.7- When the 1,000 years or Gospel age comes to a close, Satan is loosed to deceive the world with lies (because nobody wants the truth). He gathers the whole world for the final battle against God (symbol is Gog and Magog, Israel's enemies).
- v.9- When this army surrounds the beloved city, New Jerusalem, the Church, the fire of God's judgment destroys them (Rev.19:11)
- v.10- Satan, the beast and the false prophet are given eternal judgment.
- v.11- Great White Throne judgment for everyone who has ever lived.
- v.12- All are judged by "the books" and the "book of life" according to their works (Jn.5:28-29)
- v.14- Death and hell in lake of fire (I Cor.15:26, 54-55)
- v.15- Anyone not in book of life is cast into lake of fire.

QUESTIONS: *What is the book of life? When does your name get written in it? How does your name stay there and not get blotted out?*

CHAPTER 21 NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH, NEW JERUSALEM THE BRIDE

- v.1- new heaven and earth, old ones are gone
- v.2- holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from heaven as a bride prepared for her husband (Christ)

- v.3- tabernacle of God is with men (with saints forever)
- v.4- all the death, pain and sadness brought about by sin in this world is gone
- v.5- God through Christ makes all things new.
- v.6- water of life (eternal) flows freely
- v.7- The one who overcomes will inherit all things with God.
- v.8- All sinners will be judged, have second death.
- v.9- shown the bride, the Lamb's wife
- v.10- New Jerusalem, the city coming down from heaven (all saints)
- v.11- Compare this description with that of the clothing of the priests in Ex. 28.
- v.22- God and the Lamb are the temple in this city
- v.24- All people who are saved will walk in the light of this city.
- v.27- No sinners found in this city, only those written in the Lamb's book of life (redeemed)

CHAPTER 22 NEW JERUSALEM, CONCLUSION AND WARNINGS

- v.1- pure river of water of life flowing from throne (Holy Spirit)
- v.2- tree of life by river (Christ)
- v.3- no more curse (death)
- v.4- saints see God's face, marked in their foreheads with his name
- v.5- light from God, saints reign with him forever
- v.6- "things which must shortly be done" or next things to happen for the church
- v.7- Christ comes quickly (suddenly, unexpectedly) and those who KEEP the sayings of the book of Revelation will be blessed
- v.10- John was not to seal this book, "for the time is at hand"
- v.11- However a person lives and dies, that's how he stays forever.
- v.12- Christ rewards every man according to his life on earth.
- v.14- The keepers of God's Word have right to tree of life and entering city of New Jerusalem.
- v.15- Outside the city of New Jerusalem are all sinners and despisers of God's truth (liars).
- v.17- The two witnesses, the Spirit and the Bride, invite everyone to come into God's kingdom.
- v.18- Adding things to this prophecy will result in receiving its plagues. Taking away from this prophecy will result in God removing that person from the book of life and the holy city.
- v.20- For the third time Jesus says, "I come quickly."

THE INTER-DIVISIONAL UNITY OF REVELATION

1. Chap. 1-3 Covering the Christ-indwelt Church in the World, is related to Chaps. 4-7 and 8-11 in that it is the same Church suffering trials and persecution (4-7) and avenged, protected and victorious in 8-11.
2. Chap. 4-7 Besides being the same story as 1-3 & 8-11, is related to 12-14, especially in regards to the times mentioned.
3. Chap. 8-11 Besides being the same story as 1-3 and 4-7, is related to 12-14 in 42 months, 1260 days and 3 1/2 years used in both.
4. Chap. 12-14 Besides being related to 8-11 (which is related to 1-3 & 4-7) is the same as 20-22 in the Binding of Satan.
5. Chap. 15-16 Is related to 8-11 through the Trumpets and Bowls stories.
6. Chap. 12-14 Is related to 17-19 in the Harlot-Babylon fall.
7. Chap. 15-16 All three related through Final Battle of Armageddon 17-19 & 20-22

THEREFORE THE UNITY OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION IS REALLY SUPERNATURAL IN COVERING THE SAME STORY FROM THE CROSS TO THE SECOND COMING AND FINAL JUDGMENT.

We've also mentioned the five enemies of the Church and the fact that they appear in a certain order and are judged in a certain order, in reverse from their introduction.

INTRODUCED: DRAGON, BEAST OF THE SEA, BEAST OF THE EARTH (False Prophet)
GREAT HARLOT (Babylon), MEN THAT HAVE THE MARK OF THE BEAST.

JUDGMENT: MEN THAT HAVE TAKEN THE MARK OF THE BEAST, GREAT HARLOT
BEAST OF THE EARTH (False Prophet), BEAST OF THE SEA, DRAGON.

EXAMPLE OF INTER-DIVISIONAL BREAKDOWN

<u>CHAPTER ONE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CHAPTERS TWO & THREE</u>
1:16,13	right hand, & stars, lampstands	2:1
1:17,18	first & last, was dead, am alive	2:8
1:16	sharp, two-edged sword	2:12
1:14,15	eyes flame of fire, feet of brass	2:18
1:4,16	7 spirits, 7 stars	3:1
1:5,18	faithful, true, has keys	3:7
1:5	faithful witness, firstborn, beginning	3:14

ENTIRE GOSPEL MILLENNIAL AGE

CHAPTERS 1-3 *THE CHRIST EMPOWERED CHURCH IN THE WORLD

(7 CHURCHES) TYPES FOUND IN THE ENTIRE GOSPEL MILL. AGE (also actual)
v.4,8,11,17-19 I AM THE FIRST AND THE LAST, WHICH IS, WAS, IS TO COME!
WRITE WHICH THOU HAS SEEN, WHICH ARE, WHICH SHALL BE HEREAFTER!

CHAPTERS 4-7 *CHURCH TRIALS (TRIBULATION) AND PERSECUTIONS

THE THRONE- THE LAMB- THE BOOK-SEVEN SEALS- 144,000- JUDGMENT
(7 SEALS) WHEN OPENED, THE SEALS REVEAL HAPPENINGS IN ENTIRE GOSPEL
MILL. AGE. (1) GOSPEL GOES OUT (2) IMMEDIATE IN-FIGHTING AGAINST
TRUTH/WORD (3) STARVATION OF TRUTH/WORD (4) SPIRITUAL DEATH (5)
SAINTS INTRO FOR THE TRUMPETS (6) JUDGMENT (7) INTRO FOR THE
TRUMPETS

CHAPTERS 8-11 *THE CHURCH AVENGED, PROTECTED & VICTORIOUS

7 ANGELS-7 TRUMPETS-SATAN LOOSED-3 WOES- THE TEMPLE-2 WITNESSES-
1260 DAYS (7 TRUMPETS) WARN OF COMING JUDGMENT
(1) FIRE (2) BLOOD (3) BITTER WATER (4) SUN,MOON,STARS (5) SATAN LOOSED
(6) ANGELS LOOSED (7) FINAL JUDGMENT (last 3 are woes)

CHAPTERS 12-14 *SATAN WARS AGAINST JESUS CHRIST

THE WOMAN-THE DRAGON-THE MAN CHILD-1260 DAYS-SATAN CAST OUT-2
BEASTS (LAMB WITH HORNS/FALSE PROPHET) THE IMAGE-THE MARK-144,000-
BABYLON (7 ANGELS) SENT FROM GOD TO PERFORM THE WILL OF GOD
(1) GOSPEL (2) BABYLON (3) MARK (4) SAINTS HARVEST (5) FJ (6) FJ (7) FJ

CHAPTERS 15-16 *GOD'S WRATH ON UNBELIEVERS

7 ANGELS-7 PLAGUES-7 VIALS-UNHOLY TRINITY-FINAL JUDGMENT
(7 PLAGUES) (1) SORES (2) BLOOD (3) BLOOD (4) FIRE (5) DARKNESS (6) DRIED
RIVER (7) IT IS DONE-FINAL JUDGMENT

CHAPTERS 17-19 *BABYLON AND THE TWO BEASTS FALL

THE GREAT WHORE-BEAST OF WORLD GOV'T THE WHORE/BABYLON FALLS-
TWO BEASTS JUDGED (7 HEADS) (1) EGYPT (2) ASSYRIA (3) BABYLONIA (4)

MEDES-PERSIANS (5) GREECE (6) ROMAN (7) WORLD-WIDE (8) SATAN LOOSED
FOR FINAL WORK

CHAPTERS 20-22 *SATAN'S DEFEAT, CHRIST & THE CHURCH VICTORIOUS

THE SEVEN HALLMARKS OF THE GOSPEL MILLENNIAL AGE (7 MARKS)
(1) THE CROSS (2) SATAN BOUND (3) SAINTS RULE (4) SATAN LOOSED (5)
SECOND COMING (6) FINAL JUDGMENT (7) NEW HEAVEN & EARTH