

The story so far...

Creation
Fall

(Tragedy)

Remedy

->Restoration<-

Second Coming of Christ
General Resurrection of the Dead

Age to Come

The Already and Not Yet

This Age

First Coming of Christ
Outpouring of the Spirit
Resurrection of Christ

Absolutes

Convictions

Opinions

Questions

1a OPENING

APOCALYPSE (1-1) GREEK: ΑΠΟΚΑΛΥΨΙΣ

• A TYPE OF JEWISH LITERATURE (EZEKIEL, DANIEL, EZRA, JEREMIAH)

• SYMBOLIC VISIONS THAT REVEAL A HEAVENLY PERSPECTIVE ON HISTORY IN LIGHT OF ITS FINAL OUTCOME

MEANINGFUL IMAGES DRAWN FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

JOHN THE BELOVED DISCIPLE? ANOTHER JOHN?

LETTER (1-4, 22-23) SENT TO 7 CHURCHES

ITS MEANING FOR US MUST BE ANCHORED IN JOHN'S MEANING FOR THEM!

PROPHECY (1-3)

• GOD'S WORD THROUGH A PROPHET

• BRINGS OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY TO ITS CLIMAX

THE REVELATION OF JESUS



A SYMBOLIC VISION FOR EVERY GENERATION OF THE CHURCH THAT REVEALS

HISTORY'S PATTERN: ALL HUMAN KINGDOMS BECOME BABYLON & MUST BE RESISTED

GOD'S PROMISE: JESUS WILL RETURN TO REMOVE EVIL FROM HIS WORLD

1b-3 MESSAGE TO THE 7 CHURCHES

THE SEVEN CHURCHES (SEE ZECHARIAH 4)

EPHESUS, SMYRNA, PERGAMUM, THYATIRA, SARDIS, PHILADELPHIA & LAODICEA

TRIBULATION (2:9-10)

PERSECUTION

APATHY

IMMORALITY

AFFLUENCE

COMPROMISE

DOMINION

FAITHFULNESS

THE CONQUERORS ARE REWARDED in the NEW CREATION (ch. 21:22)

6-16 3 SETS OF 7 DIVINE JUDGMENTS

LITERAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS (A) PAST, PRESENT, OR FUTURE

BUT NOTICE:

• BOWLS CONTAINED WITHIN 7th TRUMPET, TRUMPETS WITHIN 7th SEAL

• EACH SET CONCLUDES WITH FINAL JUDGMENT

THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN JESUS' RESURRECTION & RETURN FROM THREE PERSPECTIVES (B)

6-8a SEVEN SEALS

1 WAR

2 CONQUEST

3 FAMINE

4 DEATH

5 HOW LONG O LORD?

6 THE DAY OF THE LORD! (ISAIAH 2, JOEL 2)

REST A LITTLE LONGER...

WHO CAN STAND?

THEY CAN!

(SEE ZECHARIAH 4:1)

ch 7 THE LAMB'S ARMY

MARK GOD'S SERVANTS: the 144,000 MILITARY CENSUS OF 12 TRIBES (SEE NUMBERS 1)

HEARS

SEES

85

THE MESSIANIC ARMY OF GOD'S KINGDOM FROM ALL NATIONS

85

THE FINAL BATTLE I

ARMAGEDDON IS NOT A BLOODBATH!

JESUS DIED FOR HIS ENEMIES & NOW HOLDS THEM ACCOUNTABLE.

4-5 THE THRONE OF GOD & THE LAMB

HOLY! HOLY! HOLY!

(SEE ISAIAH 6, EZEKIEL 1, DANIEL 7)

MESSAGE OF THE PROPHETS (ISAIAH 9:16, EZEKIEL 23, DANIEL 12) ABOUT HOW GOD'S KINGDOM WILL COME ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

WHO CAN OPEN THE SCROLL?

THE LION OF JUDAH! (GENESIS 49:9) THE ROOT OF DAVID! (ISAIAH 11:1)

SEES

HEARS

THE SACRIFICED LAMB

• GOD'S KINGDOM WAS INAUGURATED THROUGH THE CRUCIFIED MESSIAH WHO DIED FOR HIS ENEMIES.

• HIS DEATH WAS CONQUEST OVER EVIL.

8b-11 SEVEN TRUMPETS

THE EXODUS PLAGUES (SEE EXODUS 8:7-11)

1 NAIL

2 BLOOD

3 DARKNESS

4 DEMON LOCUSTS

5 THE NATIONS DON'T REPENT (9:20-21)

6 THE FOUR HORSEMEN

10-11 THE LAMB'S SCROLL

MEASURE THE TEMPLE...

PROTECTION (SEE ZECHARIAH 2)

BUT EXCLUDE THE COURTS

A) LITERAL DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM

B) NEW TEMPLE = SYMBOL OF GOD'S PEOPLE (1 CORINTHIANS 3:16, HEBREWS 3:6, 1 PETER 2:4-5)

TWO WITNESSES PROPHECY... & ARE KILLED... BUT THEN VINDICATED...

THE SCROLL REVEALS THE CHURCH'S MISSION: INITIATE THE LOVING SACRIFICE OF THE LAMB - GOD'S MERCY BRINGS REPENTANCE

LAMBSTANDS - CHURCHES (1:14-17:2)

2 LITERAL PROPHECY

3 SYMBOLS OF THE CHURCH'S PROPHETIC ROLE

GLORIFY TO GODS

... & THE NATIONS DO REPENT (11:13)

11:19

12-14 SEVEN SIGNS (=SYMBOLS)

12 THE COSMIC BATTLE (BASED ON GENESIS 3:15)

THE MESSIAH & HIS PEOPLE

THEY CONQUER THE DRAGON THROUGH THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB (12:11)

NOT THE REAL ENEMY

THE DRAGON

13 THE EARTHLY BATTLE (BASED ON DANIEL 7:12)

MILITARY POLICE

ECONOMIC MACHINE

BABYLON

PERSIA

GREECE

ROME, etc....

1) THE ANTI-SCHEMA PRAYER OF ALLEGIANCE FROM DEUTERONOMY 6:4-9 FORWARDED & HAND THOUGHTS (ACTIONS)

MARK OF THE BEAST = ALLEGIANCE

2) THE NUMBER 666 = 666 (666) (666) = 666 (666)

14a THE LAMB'S ARMY

THE ETERNAL GOSPEL (14:6)

FEAR GOD & GIVE HIM GLORY!

BABYLON HAS FALLEN!

THE NEW JERUSALEM

14b FINAL JUSTICE

THE GRAIN HARVEST OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE GRAPE HARVEST OF HUMANITY'S EVIL

THE CHOICE

RESIST BABYLON TO FOLLOW THE LAMB

OR

FOLLOW THE BEAST & SUFFER ITS DEFEAT

15-16 SEVEN BOWLS

THE EXODUS PLAGUES (AGAIN!)

1 SORES

2 BLOOD

3 DARKNESS

4 BLOOD

5 DARKNESS

ARMAGEDDON:

LOCATION OF MANY ISRAELITE BATTLES (JUDGES 5:19, 2 KINGS 23:29)

SYMBOL OF REBELLIOUS NATIONS (EZEKIEL 38-39)

16:17-21

THE FINAL BATTLE II (SEE DANIEL 7)

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FOR 1,000 YEARS!

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FINAL JUDGEMENT

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17-19a THE FALL OF BABYLON

BABYLON → ROMIE'S MILITARY & ECONOMIC POWER → ARCHETYPE OF HUMANITY'S REBELLION AGAINST GOD

BLOOD OF THE INNOCENT (18:24)

BLEND OF OLD TESTAMENT IMAGES (ISAIAH 13, 23, 34, 47, JEREMIAH 50-51, EZEKIEL 26-27)

19b-20 THE FINAL BATTLE

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21-22 THE MARRIAGE OF HEAVEN & EARTH

THE BRIDE OF THE LAMB

I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW. (21:5)

ALL CREATION IS THE TEMPLE OF GOD & THE LAMB

HUMANITY RULES AS GOD'S IMAGE (GENESIS 1:27-28)

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• OLD TESTAMENT PROMISES

• NEW HEAVEN & EARTH (ISAIAH 65:17)

• NEW GARDEN OF EDEN (GENESIS 2, EZEKIEL 47)

• NEW JERUSALEM (ISAIAH 2, ZEPHANIAH 3)

UNITY ACROSS VIEWS

- Resurrection of the Saints
- Judgement Seat of Christ (Bema seat)
- Millennial Kingdom
- Satan Defeated
- Great White Throne Judgement
- New Heaven and New Earth
- New Jerusalem
- Restored Eden

NEXT STEPS

Be encouraged

Own your faith

Be an Ambassador