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Introduction

I have written this book to unmask the deception that has been brought upon God's people by denominational doctrines of men. This deception is contrary to what the Word of God proclaims. What is being taught by many churches is that a pre-Tribulation Rapture will occur years before the "Mark of the Beast" is unveiled—that Jesus comes first before the antichrist is revealed. One scripture reference that disproves this teaching is II Thessalonians 2: 1-4:

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man **deceive** you by any means: for that day **shall not** come, except there come a falling away **first**, and that man of sin be **revealed**, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. (**Emphasis added.**)

This scripture alone clearly states the events that must happen before the Rapture occurs: A falling away first and then the man of sin (antichrist)—the son of perdition (destruction)—**is revealed** by standing in the temple, showing himself that he is God. According to Daniel 9:27 and 12:11, he stands in the temple in the midst of the week (week of years).

Our greatest danger of being taught that the church is going to be raptured off the face of the earth before the antichrist is revealed is that most Christians are looking for Jesus to come **first**. When the antichrist reveals himself **first** with all power and signs and lying wonders, claiming to be God, then most Christians will think that this must be Jesus because he is supposed to come first. They will therefore accept the antichrist as God and take his seal—the Mark of the Beast—and damn themselves to **hell** forever according to Revelation 14:9-12. Remember, the antichrist **deceives the whole world!**

The churches that teach this pre-Tribulation deception have only two scriptures which are mistakenly interpreted to support the whole pre-Tribulation doctrine. These are II Thessalonians 2:7-8 and Revelation 4: 1. Let's examine these two scriptures and see how they are misinterpreted,

and then we will dig deeper to see what they really say and mean. II Thessalonians 2:7-8 says,

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming . . .

It is the “only **he** who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed” where the pre-Tribulation timetable is wrongly taken. It is erroneously thought that **he** is the Holy Spirit and **he** is the Restrainer that is holding back the antichrist from being revealed, and that when he is taken out of the way, that is the Holy Spirit being removed off the face of the earth-called back to Heaven by God. Everybody that He is in He takes with Him, which would be the Rapture. The antichrist then reveals himself because the Restrainer—the Holy Spirit is no longer there to stop him. What is wrong with this interpretation?

First, the Holy Spirit is **omnipresent**, always has been and always will be **present**. Second, if the Holy Spirit could be called off the earth and was not here, then how do the Tribulation saints get saved? And how can you be a saint without the Holy Spirit being in you and with you. Saints are here through the tribulation. The Bible says that the only way a person can get saved is that the Holy Spirit draws and convicts them-John 6:44. If the Holy Spirit is not here, then nobody can be saved. Third, in the first three verses of the same chapter, II Thessalonians 2:1-3, it states clearly that the coming of Jesus to gather us unto Him (Rapture) can not happen until the antichrist is revealed. So, for this false interpretation to be right, the Bible would have to completely contradict itself all in the same chapter. And the Bible does **not** contradict itself. I believe this interpretation is very wrong. ·What do these two verses mean?

I will tell you what they mean! The only “**he** who now letteth will let, until **he** is taken out of the way,” are the governments of the world that are allowing the gospel to go forth until they are taken out of the way by the demonic forces and powers of the antichrist—Daniel 12:7. When he has successfully taken over every government in the world, he will reveal himself as God. And there is no contradiction of the scriptures with this understanding. If anything, it confirms the Word.

What about the second scripture that supposedly affirms the pre-Tribulation Rapture? Revelation 4: 1 says:

After this I looked, and behold, a door was opened in heaven: And the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking **with me**; which said, come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter. (**Emphasis added.**)

This is the Rapture occurring?! It takes a wild stretch of the imagination to pull a Rapture out of this verse. **It is clear to see that John is being spoken to and that John is being called up hither, not the church.** Another misconception is that the church is not mentioned again after the end of the third chapter; therefore, it is wrongfully concluded that the church is not here! So this must be why the first verse of chapter four is mistakenly viewed as the Rapture.

The church is there. It is not spoken of anymore after the third chapter, but the saints are. When the church goes through the Tribulation, this will try the church, as gold is tried by fire, to bring it to its purest form. The church will be made white as snow, without spot or wrinkle-see Daniel 12: 10. And a saint is more right with God than a church body which is made up of people of all walks of life, saved and unsaved! This process causes the great falling away that is spoken of in II Thessalonians 2:3-falling away from the faith and the truth; separating the goats from the sheep. Then there is one group of people left that are still in the faith and hold to the truth-they are the saints. And saints are listed throughout the Book of Revelation as still being on earth. **And what are the saints if they are not the church? And the Holy Spirit is here in them!**

There is a great danger in this pre-Tribulation Rapture deception. I hope and pray that you are not deceived into taking the mark of the beast, thinking that it cannot be the mark because if it was, we would have been raptured years ago!

— 1 —

What Does the Bible Say About These Last Days?

The Bible states that when Israel becomes a nation again the prevailing generation will see all things fulfilled.

Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled. (Matthew 24:32–34)

Jesus is stating in these passages of scripture that the generation of people who witness Israel springing forth as a nation will not pass away until all prophecy concerning the end has been fulfilled. The fig tree is symbolic of the nation

of Israel. The other trees referenced in Luke 21:29 represent the Gentile nations.* Israel became a nation under their own rule on May 14, 1948, for the first time in nearly 2,484 years. Please take note that this took place in the spring, which is when the fig tree blooms. God repeatedly chooses to manifest the truths of His Word through nature. The nation of Israel, or the fig tree, clearly continues to “spring forth” as the people of Israel return to their homeland from the nations of the world.

There will be a seven-year peace treaty with Israel and the surrounding Arab nations.

And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. (Daniel 9:27)

Bible scholars, through the study of biblical history, have come to a clear understanding that this week will be a week of years. The fulfillment of this treaty is currently in the making.

The man of sin, the antichrist, will be revealed before the Rapture.

. . . Let no man deceive you by any means (*no pastors, no preachers, Bible scholars, or evangelists*) for that day shall not come (*the Rapture*) except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above

• * W. E Vines, *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words* (World Bible Publishers: Iowa Falls, IA), Volume 4, page 153.

all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. (II Thessalonians 2:3–4) (*Italicized phrases added.*)

According to Matthew 24:15 and Daniel 9:27 and 12:11, this event will take place in the middle of the seven-year peace treaty with Israel.

The false prophet, the leader of the world apostate church, will give orders to the people of the earth to worship the antichrist and accept his system of buying and selling, using the number **666**. This system includes receiving his mark or seal in the right hand or the forehead, and those who refuse to do so will be tortured and killed.

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by the sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or

the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six. (Revelation 13:11–18)

666. Anybody accepting the seal or mark of the anti-christ—or giving their allegiance to him—will be damned forever and ever to the lake of fire, a place of eternal pain and torment. A little explanation of verses 17 and 18—And that no man might buy or sell save he that had the **mark** (implantable bio-chip transponder) or the **name** of the beast (**B**-Brussels **E**-Electronic **A**-Accounting **S**-Surveillance **T**-Terminal) or the **number** of his name (666). Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man (a man's system and the man is the antichrist); and his number is Six hundred threescore and six (666).

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and **whosoever** receiveth the mark of his name. (Revelation 14:9–11) (**Emphasis added.**)

God says in the Book of Hosea, chapter 4, verse 6:

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou has rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shall be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

It is imperative to take heed to the warnings of this book. There is so much at stake! **THINK ABOUT IT!**

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What Evidence Do We Have That We Are In the Last Days?

There is a system set up at this time in the world that is called the BEAST—**B**russels **E**lectronic **A**ccounting **S**urveillance **T**erminal. This system uses the number 666 for the purpose of buying and selling.

Were you aware that every person living on the earth has been given an eighteen-digit number that is programmed into this system? (For more information on this number, read *The New Monetary System* by Mary Stewart Relfe and *The World's Last Dictator* by Dwight L. Kinman.) The first three digits that are read to activate the computer are 666. The second set of numbers is recognized as the national code number—110 for the United States. The third set is the area code in which a person resides. Lastly is the social security number. This eighteen-digit number will be programmed in each individual microchip, or “Mark of the Beast.” This microchip will be implanted in the right

hand or the forehead. All business transactions of buying and selling will only be done using this chip.

The UPC (Universal Product Code) is the buying and selling system of the world. This system is linked to the BEAST computer in Luxembourg, just outside of Brussels, Belgium. It uses the number 666 to do all transactions.

The Book of Revelation, chapter 13, verse 18 tells us:

Here is Wisdom. Let him that hath understanding
count the number . . . 666

A breakdown of the system will show factual evidence that 666 is used in the worldwide UPC code and will tell people what is shortly coming to pass, because our churches, in general, are not doing so. (See Figure 5 on pg. 17.)

As we now know, the number 666 in the Bible refers to the antichrist “The Beast.” But why does it take “understanding” to “count” a simple series of identical numbers? Certainly, simply reading the numbers 6–6–6 requires no “wisdom.” Therefore, 666 must be a kind of code that is somehow hidden from us. One of the objectives of this discussion is to reveal, through a greater **understanding** of God’s Word, one example of the way the number 666—and everything this number implies—has found its way into our daily lives.

First, let’s examine the language of this passage more closely. As you know, the language of the Bible contains several layers of meaning. If the number “666” is a code, then it must be deciphered, or, in other words, “counted.” Counting implies multiple thinking processes: recognition and identification (as in picking out like items within a

group); enumerating (assigning a number and value to these items); and, finally, simple arithmetic (adding the numbers to produce a result). So, it is through this “counting,” or deciphering process, that we may gain understanding and truth.

With God’s help, I will reveal to you how the number 666, the Mark of the Beast, touches all of us, every day, through the use of the Universal Product Code, or UPC.

Before we go on, I would like to make one thing clear. I am not suggesting that the Universal Product Code **is** the Mark of the Beast. What I am attempting to show, is that, the system that the antichrist **will** use is being established today; and that the hidden number 666 is one example of Revelation’s prophecy coming true. The UPC system has been in use for over 20 years—it was started April 3, 1973. It is a system used all over the world.

Before we focus on the UPC issue, some background study is called for, specifically on the subject of the “Mark of the Beast” revealed in Chapter 13 of Revelation:

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. (Revelation 13:11)

WHO IS THIS SECOND BEAST?

The second beast is, no doubt, “The False Prophet”—Satan’s forerunner sent to lift up the antichrist. “Two horns like a lamb” (meaning he is Christ-like), is self explanatory.

And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in sight of men. (Revelation 13:13)

Satan's "False Prophet" is endowed with power by Satan to perform these wonders.

And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. (Revelation 13:14).

Deception. Miracles. This is the "False Prophet" working with "smoke and mirrors" to create images that hide the truth. Look back to Chapter 2 of II Thessalonians, verse 9 says that the antichrist deceives the whole world by Satan's power, signs, and lying wonders.

And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. (Revelation 13:15)

The antichrist, in his glory, seems to be unstoppable. His very image will be depicted on television, magazines, newspapers, in public places, and in your own homes. An image that speaks—demanding by his law that you bow and worship his image as though he is there in person, or you will perish. Satan, as counterfeit of the Holy Spirit, wants to be God, and tries to imitate God in deceptive ways, setting the stage for those whom would be deceived.

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark **in** their right hand, or **in** their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. (Revelation 13:16–17) (**Emphasis added.**)

The “mark!” The “name!” The “number!” **In**—not on—your right hand or forehead! A frightening prospect if you don’t see it coming; if you are not **informed**. Remember! God says,

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge . . .
(Hosea 4:6)

REVELATION’S PROPHECY

Is It Coming True Today?

In the final days of this World Order, our “buying and selling” system will be conducted with a “mark”—refer to Revelation 13:17. The **system** that we use every day in “buying and selling.”

Is it the system that the antichrist will take control over in the final days? Or, does he already have control over it? **“That no man might buy or sell”**—unless you take his mark and give him your total allegiance! If this system uses the number 666 to operate—that is, the number of his name—then it is **this** system that his mark will operate through.

I intend to show you proof that the number 666 is found in all UPC codes, and that the scanning system used to tabu-

late UPC transactions is designed to recognize and identify the number 666 in order to successfully complete a transaction. **His** system awaiting **his** “mark.”

God’s people will be destroyed if they take the “mark,” or the “name of the beast,” or the number of his name, 666. Read Revelation 14:9.

When the antichrist makes his stand and the false prophet demands worship of him, if any man or woman worships the beast and his image—and receives his “mark” in their right hand or their foreheads—they shall be damned for eternity. Refer to Revelation 14:11.

OUR WORLD ECONOMY IS EVOLVING AND THE MARK IS BEING TESTED

Accelerating Toward a Cashless Society

The day of a cashless society is fast approaching. We will receive credits in place of dollars. If your job now pays you \$5.35 an hour, that could change to 5 point 35 hundredths (5.35) credits an hour. A direct deposit system will be made mandatory for all payroll checks.

Debit Cards Replacing Credit Cards

Soon, all businesses will be conducted with a “debit card.” Debit cards differ from credit cards. The very latest debit cards actually have a microcomputer chip built into

them. Business transactions are done instantly, at the time of the transaction, when the card is scanned. The buyer's account is debited, and the seller's account credited **immediately**.

There is an obvious transition from the **debit card** to the **mark**. Debit cards use the same system as the UPC bar codes. The scanner first looks for a universal code number, the number **666**.

UPC Bar Codes Are Just One Example

Universal Product Code is used the world over. We are aware of the number 666 (the universal code number) used in direct deposits, debit cards, and UPC codes. But, there is now new evidence to suggest that the code is being tested in new and different ways, in certain communities worldwide. People tell stories of the “mark”—an implantable biochip in the hand and forehead—being used today to transact business.

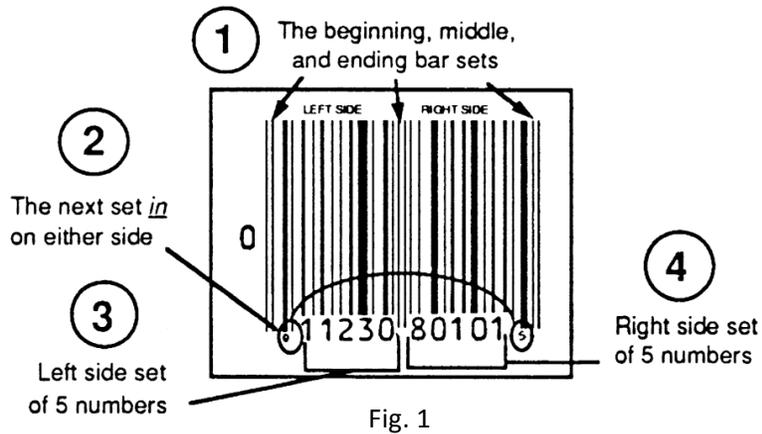
BREAKING THE CODE

Seeing the Four Sets of Numbers Counting the Number 666

The first step in seeing the number 666 in the Universal Product Code, remember, is **recognition and identification**. In this design, which is used on 95% of all store products, breaking the code requires “counting” *four sets of numbers*. A second design, which also uses the number

666, is found on the remaining 5% of store products and is considerably more complex, more difficult to see.

Seeing the four sets of numbers



The First Set

This is what the scanner looks for first and has to “see” before it can perform the transaction. Set #1 represents the *beginning, middle, and ending* bar sets. Other numbers in the body have nothing to do with this set, and these bar sets never display the numbers they represent. There is a reason for this that we will get to soon.

The Second Set

This number can be thought of as a category number. In other words, it tells the computer where the item is located in the computer databases, so it can process the item scanned. This number is the next set *in* on either side, as shown on Figure 1. Remember! This is a separate number unto itself.

The Third Set

This number is yet another step in locating the item in the computer databases. This number is the manufacturer's **identification** number. All products that a company manufactures will carry this same number, in the Set #3 position.

The Fourth Set

Once the manufacturer's identification number is tabulated, the scanner looks to the right side of the code for the *fourth set* of numbers. This is the item number. Once the computer scan sees this number, it knows everything about the item and its history, including its price. The scan is complete; the transaction made.

SEEING THE BARS AS NUMBERS

We have broken the UPC code down into its component parts—the first step in the counting process. Now we can examine how these parts are translated into single digits, or as we said before, **enumerated**.

Deciphering Bar Set #1

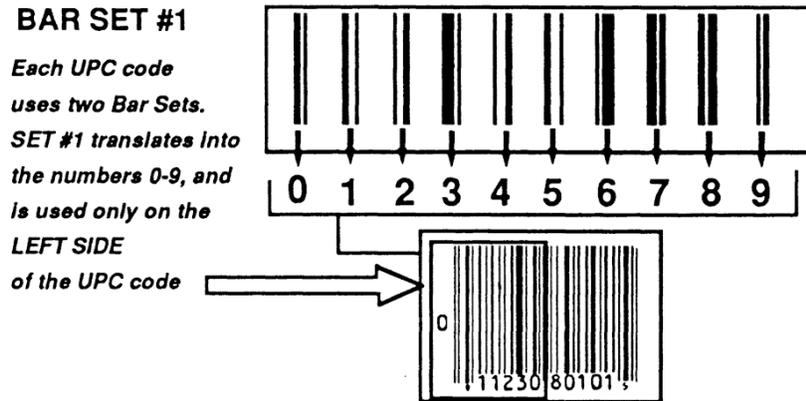


Fig. 2

Deciphering Bar Set #1

Each UPC code uses two bar sets. Set #1 translates into the numbers 0 through 9, and is used *only on the left side of this UPC code design*.

Now, let's start deciphering the left side of UPC design #1.

Look at the small 0 (zero) beside the two 1's (ones). Look at the two bars above the 0. Now, look up at bar set #1 at the 0. Look at the bars above the 0. You'll see that they match.

Look at the five bold numbers—**11230**—on Figure 1 and look up at bar set #1. Follow the lines drawn from the numbers in **bar set #1** to the **UPC below**. Now you can see, that the bars in **bar set #1** that represent the numbers 0 through 9 **match** the **bars** in the **UPC code** below with the corresponding numbers below the bars. While going through this deciphering process it would be good to find some UPC codes in your surroundings and use them as we go through this. Try to find UPC code design #1. It is like the one in Figure 2 with ten bold numbers at the bottom. This is the one that is on approximately 95% of all products in the United States. If you are in a different country, then

your UPC designs would most likely use bar sets # 1 and 2 mingled together on both sides of the UPC. You can use this same process anywhere in the world; you just have to be able to recognize the bar sets # 1 and 2. From there, see how they are being used in the UPC designs that are in your country. Remember that the 666 holds the same position on all of them. That is the position you will see later on in the study.

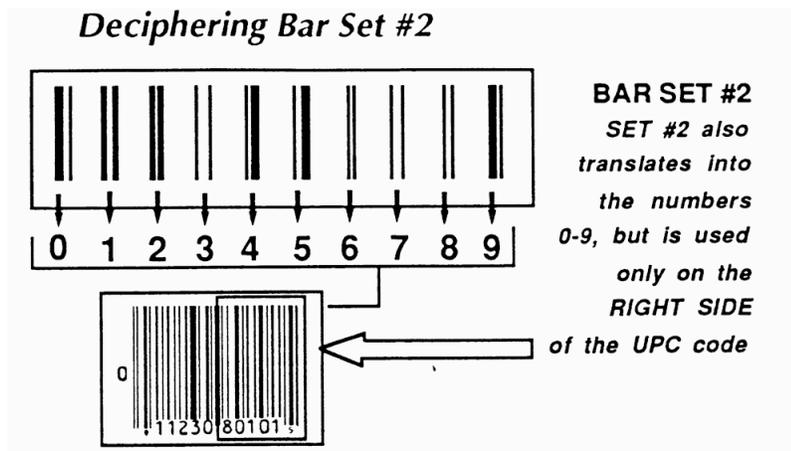


Fig. 3

Deciphering Bar Set #2

Set #2 also translates into the numbers 0 through 9, but it is used only on the right side of this UPC code design #1, with the exception of number 6 at the very beginning of the code on the left-hand side. The number 6 bar code is used on both sides of this design, but only in the 666 positions—beginning, middle, and end bar set. Remember that these numbers from 0 through 9 with the bar codes above them are for the right half of **this design**. There are many designs used worldwide and some use bar set #1 and 2 on both

sides. This is easy to see just by examining them. 666 holds the same position on all of them.

Now, let's start the deciphering of the right side of the UPC design #1. Look at the **80101** and the small five on Figure 3 and look at bar set #2. Follow the lines drawn from the numbers in bar set #2 to the UPC below. You can see that the bars in bar set #2 that represent the numbers 0 through 9 correspond to the right side of the magnified **UPC code**. There are many designs of the UPC code. The design that we use in the United States has ten bold numbers at the bottom. Bar set #1 is always on the left, and bar set #2 is always on the right. Other designs use bar set #1 and #2 on both sides together. This greatly adds to the confusion to anybody trying to decipher the code. Use the same process that we just went through to decode 666 for yourself on UPC codes that you have at home.

SEEING THE 666

Remember! UPC scanners first look for "666" before the scan can begin. We are seeing **four sets of numbers**. The first set is always the same number. It never changes. It's always there. That number is "6-6-6."

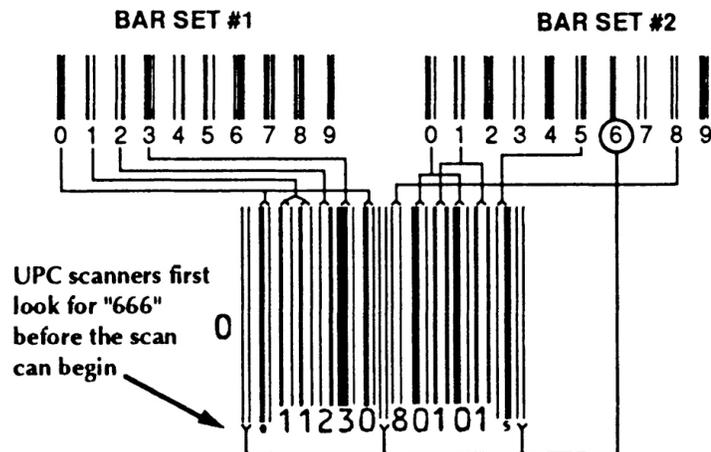


Fig. 4

Identify Set #1: the *beginning, middle* and *ending* bar sets. Look at bar set #2. Do you see number six and the bar code above it that represents six? Now, follow the line going down from the *six* to the UPC code. Do you see it? Set #1 is “6–6–6.” Now keep in mind, as you examine bar set #1 and bar set #2 in Figure 4. They are more condensed than the UPC code below them. For example look at the number 8 in bar set #2, then go down to the UPC code number 8. See the difference in the bars?

There are three more sets of numbers in this UPC design:

Set #2 is the next set **in**, on either side.

Set #3 is the left side series of 5 **bold** numbers.

Set #4 is the right side series of 5 **bold** numbers.

Now, in our example, there are no other instances of the number 6. The number 6 occurs in other UPC codes but has nothing to do with 666.

666 IS ALWAYS THERE

Another view of the “666,” for review purposes.

Remember, this UPC design, with five bold numbers on on

"666" Is Always There

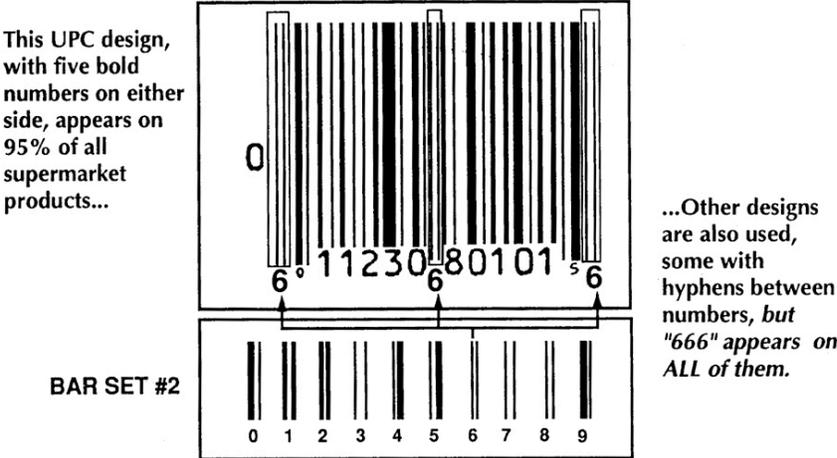


Fig. 5

either side, appears on 95% of all supermarket products. Some with hyphens between numbers, but “666” appears on all of them.

Look at bar set #2 on the products that you have at home. Look at the number 6, and look at set #1, of the four sets of numbers. Remember! There are four sets of numbers in this design. Refer back to page 12, set #1 shows the bar codes that represent “666.” See if you do not have “666” on your product UPC codes.

The “666” will always be there; but the other sets of numbers—sets #2, #3, and #4—will always have different numbers under them, unless it’s the same product.

Sample Labels



Fig. 5

SAMPLE LABELS

And there are lots more on **your** kitchen shelf; examine the UPC code on the products you have at home! Learn to “count” the number 666 and teach the method to your friends. Then, *inform* as many people as you can—family, friends, and so forth—so that they will have the knowledge of the antichrist system, and protect themselves from deception.

Are All Bar Codes UPC Codes?

Inventory control codes do not use "666"



Fig. 7

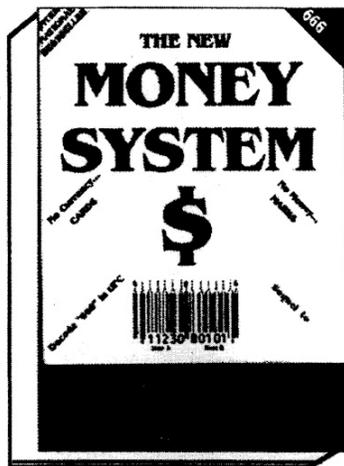
ARE ALL BAR CODES UPC CODES?

Inventory control codes do not use 666. When a bar code is being used exclusively for inventory control purposes, the 666 code will not be found. This is understand-

able since inventory control does not directly involve buying and selling. Remember! Looks can be deceiving!

FOR FURTHER DETAILS

Mary Stewart Rilfe, Ph.D., IS the best reference resource for a complete study of UPC and 666 in *The New Money System*. Look for this cover. If you decide to get it, you can pick one up at your nearest Christian bookstore. UPC design #2 is also explained in this book in greater detail.



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Fig. 8

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How Close Are We?

We are very close to these events, according to the Holy Word of God.

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. (II Peter 3:8)

The Book of Peter is trying to make clear to us that in God's time period in dealing with man a thousand years is referenced by God as being one day. In Luke 13:32, Jesus states:

Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.

Was Jesus ever not perfect? What did he mean by saying “. . . on the third day I shall be perfected?” Jesus was referring to the believers' that, on the third day, He would be

perfected **in us** by the means of the Rapture. The third day is the Millennial Reign, a thousand-year period—or one day to God—which we live and reign together with Christ. Read Revelation 20:4.

When Jesus said the word “today,” He was walking in that day, which was the first thousand-year period. When He said “tomorrow,” He meant the second day, or second thousand-year period, which will come to a close shortly. The third day is the millennial day, which was mentioned earlier. A prophetic reference in the Old Testament is in Hosea 6:1–2,

Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

In the two verses from Hosea, it clearly shows that the Jews will come to acknowledge that they had crucified their Messiah, and they will accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. They will recognize that at the moment He died on Calvary and the veil in the temple was torn from top to bottom, that through Christ, now their Savior, they are saved. They will also realize that, through their rejection of Him two thousand years ago, they were smitten. Now that they have come to know Him as their Messiah, they will be bonded together as twelve tribes again. According to verse two, this happens after two days—two thousand years. What causes this to happen is that they see the resurrection of the saints take place.

When the Rapture occurs, God’s grace will leave the Gentiles because their time will be fulfilled. And at that

time God's grace goes back to rest upon the twelve tribes, as referred to in Revelation 11:13 and 14:1–3.

And, as it states in verse two, they will live in His sight on the third day, the Millennial Reign.

According to a secular radio station, the United States Government did a study to comprehend when the true year 2000 will occur. They have concluded that it will be the year 2005. If their findings are correct, then the second day will end in 2005, and the third day will begin in the year 2006. In keeping with the scriptures that were covered in this chapter, the Rapture of the church should happen at the end of the second day, or two thousand years from the birth of Christ. Therefore, the Rapture should take place sometime around the year 2005.

As you can see, we are very close to the Lord's return for His people—those who know Him as their Lord and Savior. If you do not know Jesus, I strongly suggest that you stop and ask Him into your heart; ask Jesus to forgive you of your sins; ask Him to make Himself known to you at this time.

I was traveling on the interstate one day and I saw a sign nailed to a tree. It stated “**JESUS OR HELL.**” I thought to myself that this short statement says it all. The choice should be clear. Hell is for eternity; and eternity never ends. Jesus is the choice a wise person would make regardless of the price he or she would have to pay in their personal life. The price will be worth it all in the end! **THINK ABOUT IT!**

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The Hidden Mystery

There has been a mystery in Daniel 12:11 that has been kept secret until the time of the end. Since we are in that “time,” God is revealing that mystery.

The Last Days chart on page 40 will help open your eyes to the truth about God’s prophecy. The understanding that follows is necessary for you to comprehend this chart.

In Daniel 9:24–26, Bible history shows us that these 70 weeks are 70 weeks of years—7 (days in a week) x 70 (years)—totaling 490 years; and 483 of them have passed. This one week, in Daniel 9:27, is the final 70th week that starts when the antichrist confirms a seven-year peace treaty with Israel and the surrounding Arab nations.

As stated in Daniel 9:27, the seven-year covenant will be confirmed, or the peace treaty will be signed. “He shall confirm the covenant with many for one week.” In the midst of the week, the prince—or antichrist—will rise and “cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease.” Thus, the antichrist begins his reign. At this time, the antichrist will . . .

. . . opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. (II Thessalonians 2:4)

This is an abomination, of course, to God. Therefore, the abomination of desolation is set up.

Daniel 12:7 explains the time table in more detail. Here we read that it shall be for “a time, times and a half . . .” and, then in Daniel 12:11, the abomination is set up. This indicates a three-and-a-half-year period as follows:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Time} = 1 \text{ year} \\ \text{Times} = 2 \text{ years} \\ \hline \text{+ a half} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ years} \\ \hline 3\frac{1}{2} \text{ years} \end{array}$$

Remember! Daniel 9:27 states that in the middle, or midst, of the week, the antichrist shall cause the “daily” sacrifice and the oblation (offering) to cease and call for the overspreading of “abominations” or evil deeds. He shall make it “desolate”—a ruin. This puts us in the middle of Daniel’s 70th week. **Remember!** That the **middle** is when this event takes place!

However, there appears to be a contradiction to this principle in Daniel 12:11. In order to understand this verse, we must first understand its content.

In Daniel 12:11, you will note that the words “that” and “sacrifice” are in italics. In the front of most Bibles, there is an explanation for this. All italicized words were added to help the reader better understand the meaning. These words were not in the original Hebrew text.

Sometimes, these added words are misused. On occasion, they can actually change the meaning of the verse. If we were to remove the added italicized words, the verse becomes clearer.

Since sacrifice means the same as daily, the addition of this word changed nothing. If we remove the word “that” the verse would read, “From the **time** the daily is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate set up, there will be 1290 days.”

Now, let’s consider that at the time of King James—1611 AD—when the Bible was first translated into English, the grammar used was somewhat different than that of today. Sentence structure was also different. They may have even talked “backwards” compared to modern-day English. In some situations, for example, in the same chapter that we are referring to, in Daniel 12:12, we see the number 1335 stated as one thousand, three hundred, five and thirty. Note that the five comes before the thirty, even though we know it can only mean 35. This is clearly backwards in comparison with modern English terminology. If we were to turn this sentence around, so to speak, the verse would read as follows: “From the **time**, there will be 1290 days (and then), the daily shall be taken away and the abomination set up.”

Now we can understand when this event takes place. Once again, notice the word “time” used in its singular form. We find it used the same way in Daniel 12:7, “. . . time, times and a half.”

The word “time” here signifies the beginning of the seven-year peace treaty. The word “time” in verse 11 has the same meaning as verse 7. Thus, this word also indicates the beginning of the seven-year period.

Daniel 12:11 actually shows that from the time the covenant is confirmed, or the peace treaty is signed, there

will be 1290 days—approximately 3½ years—until the daily sacrifices are stopped and the abomination is set up. Therefore, this verse does not contradict the other verses at all! In fact, it reinforces them!

I hope it is now clear to you that 1290 days after the covenant is confirmed, or the peace treaty is signed, the antichrist will make his stand—Daniel 12:11. Reading further in Daniel 12:12, we learn that,

Blessed is he that waiteth and cometh to the thousand,
three hundred and five and thirty days.

. . . or the 1335th day. At the end of the 1290 days, there will be an additional 45 days, bringing us to 1335 days after the signing of the peace treaty. At this time, an event will occur in which we are “blessed.”

Daniel is told he will rest—or have already died—and rise to “stand in his lot at the end of the days.” “The end of the days” is referring to verse 12, at the end of the 1335 days. At this time, Daniel will receive his “lot.”

The word “lot” is explained in the dictionary as being “one’s fortune, share, or inheritance.” In biblical times, they referred to “dividing lots” or “shares.” If Daniel is to receive his lot or reward this must refer to the Rapture! Only at that time could he receive it.

Therefore, the angel in Daniel 12 is trying to show Daniel that on the 1335th day—45 days after the antichrist makes his stand which is the midst of the week—will the Rapture take place!

In Revelation 20:6, we read of an event that will occur in which we will be **blessed**. That event is the first resurrection or Rapture. If we compare this to Daniel 12:12–13, we will find that these events are one and the same!

Finally, in Daniel 12:9, we read that these words are sealed until the end time. Prophecy has been deliberately hidden until now. This is why, after three explanations—first in verse 1, second in verse 7 and third in verse 11—Daniel was still unable to comprehend the meaning of this prophecy. Daniel 12:10 states, that, even when the time has come “the wise shall understand.”

In Daniel 9:27, we see fully how the 70th week—or the last seven years before the Second Coming of Jesus—will unfold. It is stated first that a covenant will be confirmed for a period of seven years which will end with the Second Coming of Jesus. The covenant is confirmed with Israel and “many” other nations by the antichrist. In the middle of the 7 years—or after 3½ years have passed—the covenant will be broken by the antichrist. He does so by stopping the daily sacrifices which Israel will be making to God, as they did in the Old Testament times according to the Law of Moses. The confirming of the covenant will, no doubt, include the right being given to Israel to build the third temple and begin these sacrifices. In breaking the covenant, the antichrist will stop the daily sacrifices and stand in the temple proclaiming himself as God. In II Thessalonians 2:3, it states, “for that day shall not come”—referring to verse 1, where he is talking about the coming of the Lord and our gathering together to Him—until the antichrist is revealed.

When Satan stands with the antichrist in the temple and declares that he is God, it is an abomination to God. The temple then becomes desolate of the commandments given in the Word of God, in the Law of Moses. Daniel 12:11 tells us that this will happen 1290 days from the beginning of the seven years, which is in the “midst” of Daniel’s 70th week. Daniel tells us in chapter 9, verse 27, that this abomination of desolation will continue “even until the consummation.”

The word “consummation” is a noun, according to Webster’s dictionary, which means complete or perfect. This is the Rapture of the Church. In I John 3:2, the scripture tells us that “it doth not yet appear what we shall be . . .” But we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. When the Rapture happens, the church will be perfect and complete in Christ; He being the Head and the church His body will be complete in us. Daniel 12:12 states that this glorious event will take place 1335 days from the confirming of the covenant, and 45 shortened days from the time the antichrist stands in the temple, proclaims himself as God, and stops the daily sacrifice. In Daniel 12:13 it is stated that Daniel will receive his lot, or his reward, at the end of the 1335 days. This can only happen when the Rapture takes place, according to Revelation 22:12 and Matthew 16:27. For only after the seventh trumpet sounds, do the prophets and saints and all that fear or reverence the Lord receive their rewards. Read Revelation 11:18.

Finally, Daniel 9:27 tells us that which has been determined shall be poured upon the desolate. This is the Wrath of God being poured out on the kingdom of the antichrist. After the seventh trumpet sounds and the Church is raptured, for the church is not appointed to the Wrath of God as I Thessalonians 5:9 indicates.

We will know, in these **last days**, about when the Rapture is going to take place, according to I Thessalonians 5:4. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Paul is talking to Christians, not the people of the world who do not know Christ. To them, His coming **will** be as a thief in the night.

We agree that this is the end time. The only true way to understand the Word of God is to study in the Spirit. Pray that the Holy Spirit will reveal the truth to you. God Bless!

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The Trump of God

In I Thessalonians 4:16–17, we read of an event that will take place in the near future that we the church call **the Rapture**. The Bible calls it the first resurrection in Revelation 20:6.

As we study the scriptures, we will take a hard look at the **Trump of God**, and show that this event will happen at the trump of God! Then we will show what the **Trump of God** is.

In I Thessalonians 4:16–17, we read,

For the Lord himself shall descend **from heaven** with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and **with the trump of God**: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. (**Emphasis added.**)

This, of course, is the Rapture.

Let's look at the other scriptures that talk of this. In I Corinthians 15:51–52, we read,

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the **last trump**: for the **trumpet** shall sound, and the **dead** shall be raised incorruptible, and **we** shall be changed.

We see here that the Trump of God is the “last trump,” and that the “trump” **is** a trumpet.

How many trumpets will we have according to the Word of God? In Revelation 8:2, it states that there are seven. In searching the scriptures we find that there are seven and only seven. There is no eighth, ninth, or tenth. So, therefore, the last trump or trumpet has to be the seventh one. Paul called this event of the last trumpet a mystery in I Corinthians 15:51. Are there any other scriptures in God's Holy Word to back this up?

But in the days of the voice of the **seventh angel**, when he shall **BEGIN** to **sound**, the **mystery** of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. (Revelation 10:7) (**Emphasis added.**)

Do we ever have the scripture to back it up! We see here that it **is** the seventh trumpet and that the **mystery**—that we know to be the Rapture in I Corinthians 15:51—should be finished just as the seventh trumpet is about to sound. In other words, the **Rapture is over**, just as the seventh trumpet **begins to sound**.

Now, according to the Word of the Lord, we will not and cannot receive our rewards until the Rapture takes place. It reads,

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. (Revelation 22:12)

For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ. (I Thessalonians 5:9)

So, what do we see here? We see that we get our **rewards** in the **Rapture** and that the **Wrath** of God **cannot** be poured out **until we are raptured** out of here. So, with that understanding, let's go to the seventh trumpet.

And the **seventh** angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. **And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward . . .** (Revelation 11:15–18)

Remember, Revelation 22:12 and Matthew 16:27, we get our rewards in the Rapture.

. . . unto thy servants the prophets and to the saints and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them that destroy the earth. (Revelation 11:18)

What do we see here? We see that the dead in Christ are being judged—that can only happen in the Rapture—and that the Wrath of God has come. That cannot happen until after the Rapture according to I Thessalonians 5:9. And we will receive our rewards—that cannot happen until the Rapture. So, what do we very clearly see here? We see that the seventh trumpet is the Rapture as stated in I Corinthians 15:51, Revelation 10:7, Revelation 11:15–18, and I Thessalonians 4:16–17.

Now, according to Revelation 10:7, the Rapture is finished just as the seventh angel is about to sound. The seventh trumpet sounds in Revelation 11:15, so if we back up a few verses we should see the Rapture taking place.

And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they **ascended up to heaven in a cloud**; and their enemies beheld them. (Revelation 11:11–13)
(Emphasis added.)

That looks and sounds like the Rapture to me! You see, when the two witnesses that are spoken of in Revelation 11:13 finish their three-and-a-half year's testimony of the truth, the antichrist kills them—Revelation 11:7—and throws their dead bodies in the streets and does not allow them to be buried—Revelation 11:9. Remember that they are dead in Christ. Three-and-one-half days later, the spirit

of life from God enters into them—that is God putting their souls back into their bodies, and then resurrecting their bodies into new spiritual, glorified bodies. After this takes place, those who are alive in Christ will also receive their new spiritual, glorified bodies. When the two witnesses stand to their feet, that is the Rapture happening.

In I Corinthians 15:51–52, Paul states it this way

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be **changed**. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the **last** trump . . .

He did not say we would **vanish** in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. He said we would be **changed** in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. There is a big difference in these two words.

Paul states what happens when we are **changed**. I Corinthians 15:53 says,

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

It is simple. We receive our new bodies and that body will be visible like Christ's was when He went up into the clouds. We are His body and our new spiritual bodies will be visible in this natural realm when we go up. Just like He was when He went up.

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The Beasts Are The Beast

The chart that follows has been put together to help the reader have a better understanding of these last days. I have named it “The Last Days” because it seemed to be fitting. This chart has been broken into eight phases. And we will start with Phase #1.

But, before that, some clarification about the four beasts of Daniel 7:3–28, and the beast of Revelation 13:1–8. In examining these beasts, once can see that the beast of Revelation is made up of the four beasts of Daniel and are basically, one and the same. Let’s examine this very closely.

The beast of Revelation 13:1—“And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.” The “sea” represents the people of the world; the “seven heads” are the seven mountains of Rome, where the Vatican city is, and the Vatican will become the head of the Apostate church—see Revelation 17:9.

Malachi Martin, an advisor and close friend of the last four popes, is an expert on catholicism being a former Jesuit and a professor at the Vatican's Pontifical Bible Institute. He

wrote, in the book *The Keys of This Blood*, that classical catholicism is the same as historic protestantism, where both believed that the Bible is the Word of God. However, liberalism is appearing in both churches—Catholic and Protestant—which is taking liberty with God's Word, reinterpreting it beyond God's meaning.

Also, Martin writes that Pope John Paul II has stated that he is trying to structure certain aspects of our global life-New World Order. Pope John Paul II is concerned about liberalism in the church, even the lack of belief that Jesus is the Christ of God. And he is afraid for the future of his church and references Revelation 13:13. There are enough liberals in the hierarchy of the Catholic Church that they could now elect a pope who will take the church away from the true doctrine of Christian faith. The ten horns are ten kings of ten kingdoms. The Club of Rome issues a report in 1973, which revealed that our planet has been divided into ten political and economic regions, which are referred to as “kingdoms.”

Revelation 17:12–13 reads, “And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.” These ten kings abdicate their power to the antichrist and become his governors. They will be his puppets that he crowns as kings for an hour.

Back in Rev. 13:1, where it refers to “and upon his heads the name of blasphemy” refers to the Pope of that time proclaiming to the world that the antichrist is God. This is the liberal pope of the future that Pope John Paul II is concerned about. For more information about this, read *The Keys of This Blood* by Malachi Martin.

In the near future, the U.N. will become known as the “Federation of Earth” and the office of Secretary General will assume more power and become the position of world dictator that the antichrist will take. The antichrist will also be the one who stays behind the scenes and calls the shots in the Vatican

and in world affairs. He will be revealed when the time is right!

Returning to Revelation 13, verse 2, “And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.”

The leopard in Daniel 7:6 is the body of the beast in Revelation 13:2. The leopard is explained further in the commentary on phase three of the “Last Days” chart.

The bear in Daniel 7:5 is the feet of the beast of Revelation 13:2. And the bear is revealed further in the commentary on phase two of the chart.

The lion in Daniel 7:4 is the mouth of the beast of Revelation 13:2. The lion is in the commentary on phase one of the chart.

The dragon, in the natural realm, represents China—in the spiritual realm, Satan. But, in this verse, we are dealing with the symbols of the natural realm, not the spiritual. China does become prominent for political and economic reasons, and will become part of the antichrist’s world government.

In Daniel 7:7 the fourth and final beast is an accumulation of the first three beasts with the rest of the world. And it is the same beast that is in Revelation 13.

There are many teachings out there on the four beasts. The most widely accepted interpretation* is very historical.

Some modern writers take these beasts to represent nations existing in the end times. Most Bible expositors take this vision to parallel Nebuchadnezzar’s dream in ch.

2 but to reveal the bestial, i.e., the inner characteristics of the kingdoms. (1) The lion, a symbol of royal power, represents the Neo-Babylonian empire. The eagle, the king of birds, may specifically represent King Nebuchadnezzar’s power, and the plucking of the wings represents what happened in ch. 4.

(2) The bear, raised up on one side, represents Medo-Persia, with Persia dominating Media. The three ribs in its mouth may represent its conquests of Babylon, Lydia, and Egypt.

• * *The Full Life Study Bible*, King James Version (Zondervan: Grand Rapids, MI: 1992), p. 1263f.

(3) The leopard, a powerful and swift animal, with its four wings, represents Alexander's Greek empire and his rapid conquests. The four heads are the four kingdoms that came out of his empire when he died, for it was divided among his generals: Lysimachus (who took Thrace and Bithynia), Cassander (who took Greece and Macedonia), Seleucus (who took Babylonia and Syria), and Ptolemy (who took Palestine, Egypt, and Arabia).

(4) The fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and with iron teeth, represents Rome, as does the remainder of the image, including the ten toes.

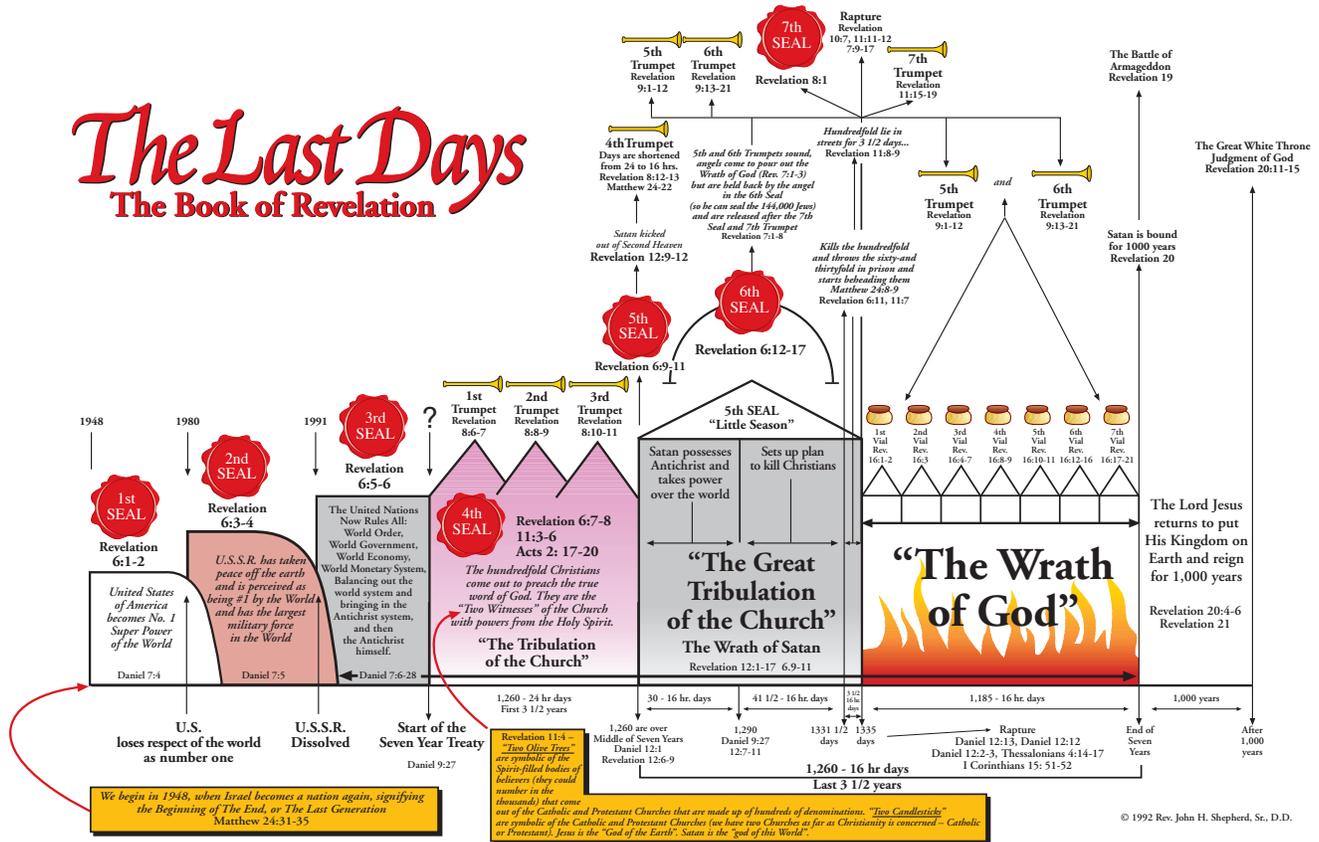
7:8 LITTLE HORN. The little horn symbolizes the last great ruler in the world—the antichrist . . .

Over many years of intense Bible study, the many layers of meaning in God's Holy Word has been revealed. Only God could do this—inpute so many ideas within in His Word. There are usually three layers of meaning. The surface layer is one almost anyone can see; the second can be understood by spirit-filled believers; and the third layer is revealed when a spirit-filled believer is in the Spirit. The understanding of these layers came when the author was in the Spirit. And with that came the knowledge that this most widely held view of Daniel is most likely just another layer of meaning of this passage.

Now, let's move into the first phase of the "Last Days" chart. But before that, please ask God to open your mind and fill your heart with the knowledge that is about to be shared. God bless.

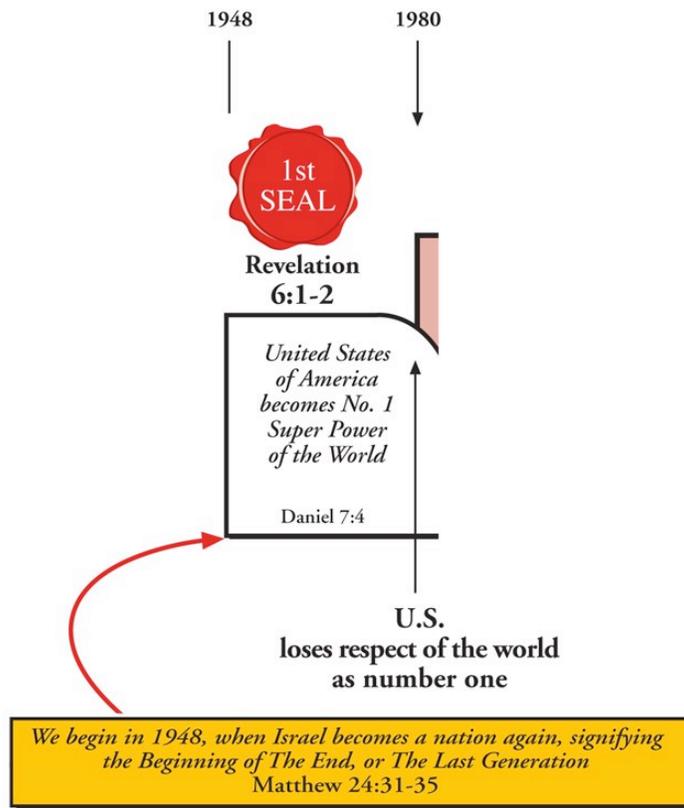
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The White Horse



FIRST PHASE

1948—Israel Becomes a Nation Again For the First Time in Nearly 2484 Years

MATTHEW 24:32–34

32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

33 So, likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

LUKE 21:29

29 And He spake to them a parable; **Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; (Emphasis added.)**

The FIG TREE

The fig tree is symbolic of the nation of Israel. All the other trees referenced in Luke 21:29 represent the Gentile nations. Jesus is stating in these passages that the generation

of people that witnesses Israel springing forth as a nation will not pass away until all prophecy concerning the end time has been fulfilled. Israel became a nation again under their own rule for the first time in nearly 2484 years on May 14, 1948.

Please take note that Israel became a nation in the spring when the fig tree blooms. God repeatedly chooses to manifest the truths of His Word through nature. The nation of Israel, or the “Fig Tree,” clearly continues to “spring forth” as the children of Israel return to their home from the nations of the world.

The First Beast

DANIEL 7:4

4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle’s wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man’s heart was given to it.

Daniel 7:4 is referring to the first of the four beasts that Daniel saw in a night vision concerning the end times. This beast was described as being a lion that had wings like an eagle. Daniel then states that the lion’s wings were plucked or removed.

The other nation in current times that is symbolized by a lion is Great Britain. The nation symbolized by an eagle is the United States. One can see the symbolism of the eagle’s wings being removed from the lion. The original colonies of the U.S. were governed by Great Britain until they received their independence following the American Revolution. The U.S., or the eagle, continues to have strong ties to Great Britain, or the lion, and has obviously remained a predomi-

nately English-speaking nation. It is considered a “Super Power.”

A man’s heart being given to the beast signifies how the U.S., in general, has largely departed from its Christian roots. The majority of the population has strayed to the humanistic teaching of the New Age Movement. The combination of these facts clearly identifies that Daniel 7:4 is referring to the U.S.

As we continue to study each of the four beasts referenced in the seventh chapter of Daniel, it will become clearer that they symbolize nations having superior power. However, in their own prophesied time they held the title of “super power.”

The First Seal

REVELATION 6:1–2

1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

This passage of scripture refers to Jesus, “The Lamb of God,” opening the first of seven seals that contains revelations about events that will take place before the Second Coming of the Lord.

When the seal was opened John saw a white horse. White being symbolic of purity which, biblically speaking can only come through the righteousness that is given in the knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This white horse symbolizes the character of the people of the United States.

At the time the first seal was opened the United States was a “super power,” and predominately a Christian nation of God-fearing people, whose public education system included prayer and Bible reading as an important part of teaching. However, in these end times, the people—not the government—of the U.S. have still been the greatest promoter of the gospel of Jesus Christ, having sent Christian missionaries worldwide, along with communicating through advanced technology systems.

The rider of the white horse had a bow, which is symbolic of military strength. He was given a crown which represents being rewarded or blessed with dominion. The rider went forth conquering and to conquer.

One needs only to travel beyond her borders to see that the U.S. has been crowned with the blessing of being the wealthiest nation on earth.

She has never known outright defeat by an opposing enemy. In the years following WWII, the U.S. greatly increased its military strength having been the first nation to invent and use atomic weapons.

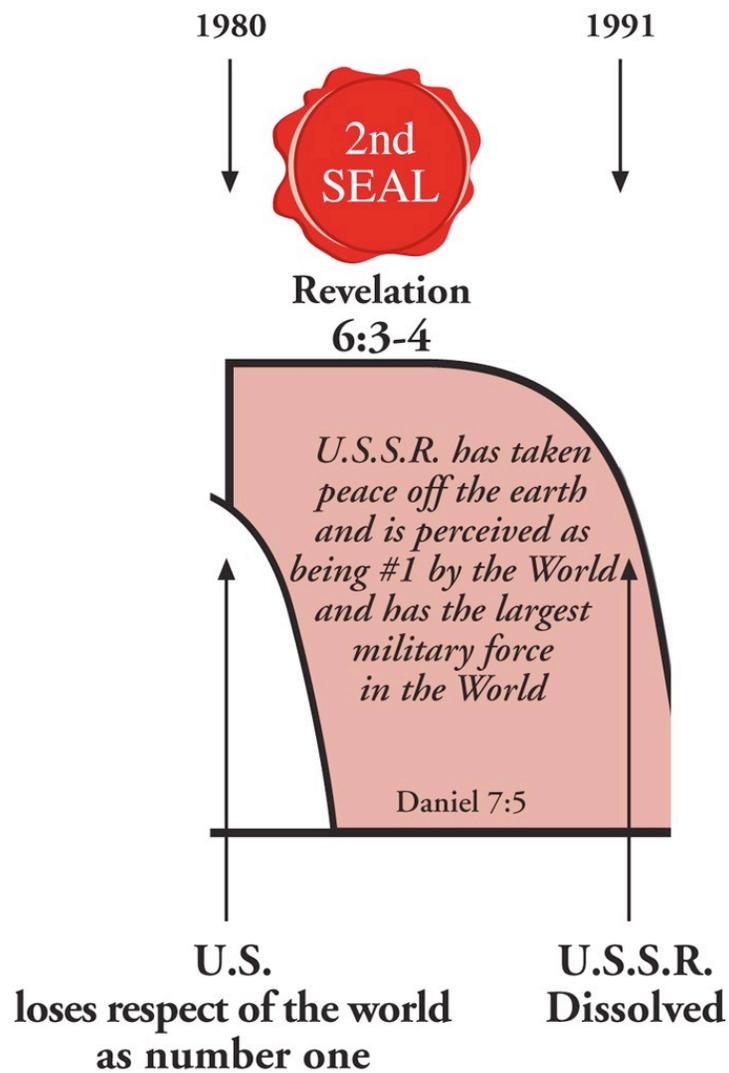
NOTE: *The first seal and the first beast of Daniel’s vision both characterize the U.S.*

By 1980, due to political weakness, poor leadership, moral decline, and cuts in defense spending, the U.S. was no longer viewed by the world as being the #1 “super power.”

This leads us into the revelation concerning the opening of the second seal.

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The Red Horse



SECOND PHASE
1980—U.S. Loses Respect of World as
Number One; U.S.S.R. Has Taken
Peace Off the Earth; Is Perceived as
Being #1 By the World, and Has the
Largest Military Force in the World.

The Second Beast

The Second Beast

DANIEL 7:5

5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

Daniel 7:5 refers to the second of four beasts Daniel saw. This beast is described as being like a bear with three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It raised itself up on one side and was told to “devour much flesh.” The nation in current times that is symbolized by a bear is Russia, or as it was formerly known, the U.S.S.R. One may find it interesting that a bear was pictured on the cover of *Time Magazine*, October 27, 1980, and on May 21, 1984, representing the nation of Russia.

Daniel states that the bear raised itself up on one side, which Russia did in taking control of the nations of East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, and Albania, which are all on one side of the bear’s borders.

The three ribs, which are significant of death, represent the three Soviet leaders—Brezhnev, Andropov, and Chernenko—who died consecutively in office between 1982 and 1985. We know authority comes from the mouth, which is where the bear carried the ribs. It was through the leadership and influence of these three men that the U.S.S.R. held the position as the world’s #1 “super power” through the years of 1980–1991.

The command to “arise and devour much flesh” characterizes how the communist government of the Russian bear brought destruction to every people and nation—including its own—that opposed the communist way.

The Russian bear will play a big part in these end-time events as Bible prophecy unfolds. In world affairs, the bear

seems to be hibernating at this time, but when events start heating up, I think you'll see the bear wake up and take his place on the world stage. There are hints here in 1999 that things could be changing dramatically for the Confederation of Independent States in the near future.

The Second Seal

REVELATION 6:3-4

3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

This passage of scripture refers to Jesus, Lamb of God, opening the second of the seven seals that contains revelations about events that will take place before the Second Coming of the Lord.

When the second seal was opened John saw a red horse. Red is symbolic of communism, as it is known in the communistic nations of the world. The rider of the red horse was given power to take peace from the earth; he was given a great sword, which also is symbolic of great military strength.

By 1980, when the U.S. was no longer viewed by the world as the #1 "super power," there were two Red communist nations that had great military strength. Those nations were Red China and the U.S.S.R.—lead by the Russian Bear.

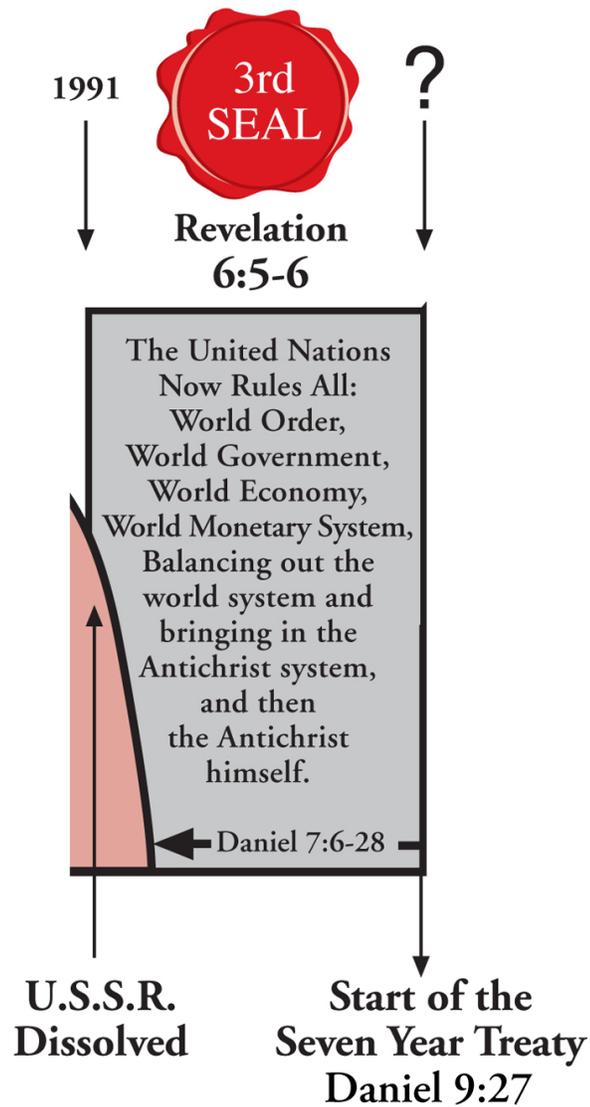
John stated that "they should kill one another," which the communist nations have done to multitudes of their own

people, as well as weaker nations that have opposed the communistic way.

Note: The second seal and the second beast both describe Russia, or, as formerly known, the U.S.S.R. The U.S.S.R. was dissolved in 1991.

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The Black Horse



THIRD PHASE
1991—U.S.S.R. Is Dissolved Under the
Leadership of the Soviet President,
Mikhail Gorbechav. The United
Nations Now Rules All: World Order,
World Government, and World
Monetary System, Balancing Out the
World System and Bringing In the
Antichrist System; and Then the
Antichrist Himself.

The Third Beast

DANIEL 7:6–28

6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times

ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake; I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

12 As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

16 I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.

18 But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;

20 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.

21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

28 Hitherto is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

Daniel 7:6 refers to the third of four beasts that Daniel saw in a vision in the night. The beast is described as being like a leopard, which had four wings of a fowl on its back. The beast also had four heads and dominion was given to it.

In following the progression of the first two beasts as they relate to history, we can identify this third beast as the next world “super power”—the United Nations under the banner of the New World Order.

The four wings on its back signify the great military strength shown via air power that was demonstrated in Iraq

during Desert Storm and was called the first test of the New World Order by U.S. President George Bush.

Please note that the four branches of the military used by the U.N.—Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines—each have their own aviation departments that are utilized by the U.N. in order to enforce world peace.

The four heads tell us that the beast is controlled by more than one entity. The U.N. currently has five nations, which have VETO power in U.N. decision making—United States, Russia, China, Great Britain, and France. Presently, Great Britain and France are part of the developing European Community, which is moving toward European nations yielding their sovereignty to one government in Europe. This will most likely cause France and Great Britain to have one voice with the rest of Europe in U.N. affairs.

Truly, the U.N. has been given dominion when you consider all of the nations, great and small, that have yielded their sovereignty to its cause in keeping world peace.

Once the European communities unite as the United States of Europe, the four nations—four heads of the beast—leading the U.N. will be the U.S., Russia, China, and the U.S. of Europe. Ultimately, there will be many countries having VETO powers that make up the United Nations. However, they will be what is referred to as “puppet governments.” The four heads of the U.N. will control their votes and power. It will appear as if each member stands independent in its contribution, but here lies the “smoke screen.” As the U.N. continues to be formed, biblical prophecy continues to unfold its revelations that finally there will be one—antichrist—whom stands in power, dictating this New World Order.

The Club of Rome issued a report in 1973, which revealed that our planet has now been divided into ten politi-

cal and economic regions, which are referred to as “kingdoms.” Read Daniel 7:24 and Revelation 17:12–13.

They are:

Region #1: The United States, Canada, and Mexico

Region #2: Western Europe

Region #3: Japan

Region #4: Australia and New Zealand

Region #5: Eastern Europe

Region #6: Latin America

Region #7: North Africa and the Middle East

Region #8: Main Africa

Region #9: South and Southeast Asia

Region #10: Central Asia

The handwriting is on the wall! Prophecy *is* unfolding right before our eyes.

The Third Seal

REVELATION 6:5–6

5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

Revelation 6:5–6 refers to Jesus, the Lamb of God, opening the third of seven seals that contains revelations about events that will take place before the Second Coming of the Lord.

When the third seal was opened John saw a black horse. Black being symbolic of the powers of darkness that in-

creasingly dominate this world system until the return of Christ. In Ephesians 6:12, Paul writes to us, “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” The rider of the black horse had a pair of balances in his hand.

In following the progression of the previous seals, it is obvious that the third seal refers to the next world governing “super power”—the U.N. or “the New World Order.” This new system is currently and clearly setting up the stage for prophecy to be fulfilled concerning Satan’s conspiracy to overthrow the sovereignty of nations and rule the world through the antichrist.*

It has been the age-old desire of Satan to be worshipped as God, since the beginning of his rebellion, and, of course, will continue to be until the end time. And Revelation 13:8 tells us that the whole world will worship him.

John then heard a voice from the midst of the heavenly hosts saying “A measure of wheat for a penny and three measures of barley for a penny.” A penny in New Testament times was a day’s wages as referred to by Jesus in Matthew 20:2.

Therefore, the balances in the hand of the rider of the black horse symbolize the task of balancing the economy of the world as nations yield their sovereignty and give total allegiance to the New World Order, which, as stated earlier, will ultimately be ruled by the antichrist, a man who Satan himself will possess to deceive the world.

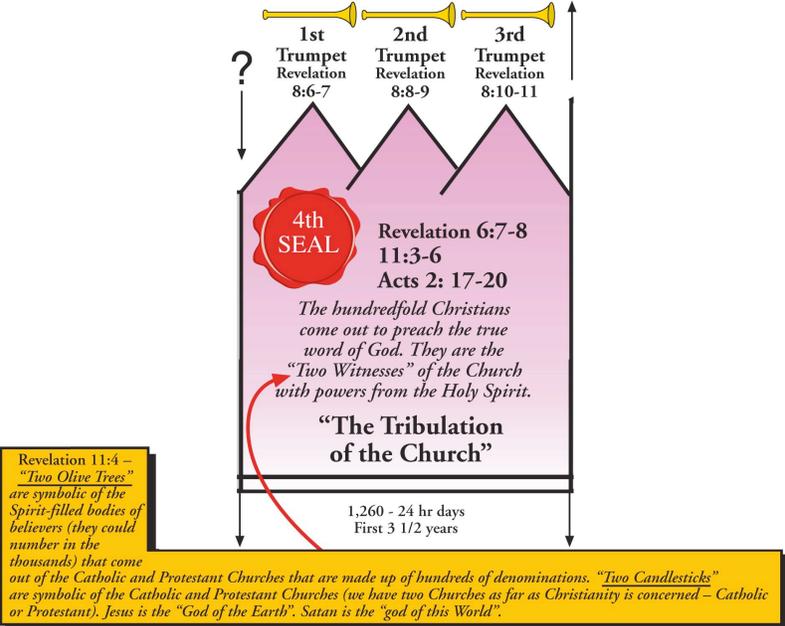
The rider of the black horse represents the antichrist himself—riding on the people of the world who have been

• * Dwight L. Kinman, *The World’s Last Dictator* (Whitaker House: Springdale, PA 1995).

blinded by Satan to the Truth of the Word of God. Read II
Corinthians 4:3–6.

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The Pale Horse



FOURTH PHASE

The Tribulation of the Church

The Seven-Year Peace Treaty

DANIEL 9:27

27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

This passage of scripture refers to a covenant that will be confirmed by many—the United Nations—with Israel for the period of one week or 7 years. This week of years is the last week of 70 weeks of years. In Daniel 9:24, Daniel is told that 70 weeks would be determined upon his people. The literal meaning of the 70 weeks of years is 70 sevens or 70×7 , which is 490 years.*

Sixty-nine weeks—or 483 year—passed from the time that Israel was commanded to rebuild the temple, after returning to Jerusalem from 70 years of exile in Babylon, to the time the Messiah was crucified. The seventieth week will begin with the confirming of the covenant mentioned in Daniel 9:27. Once this treaty or covenant is signed, we will move into the fourth phase listed in this study—a treaty signed between Israel and the surrounding Arab nations with the antichrist. This will begin the final seven years, which will end with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. **Note:** Rapture is not the Second Coming.

• * Drake's Annotated Reference Bible, Old Testament, pg. 877.

The Fourth Seal

REVELATION 6:7–8

7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

Revelation 6:7–8 refers to the fourth of seven seals that contains revelations about the events, which will take place before the Second Coming of the Lord.

When the fourth seal was opened John saw a pale horse. Pale, being symbolic of a society that has become spiritually “sick” due to their rejection of the life and truth God’s Word brings upon acceptance. The Bible clearly reveals the difference and separation between those who receive His Word and those that do not. One is promised eternal life with Him and light in the darkness of this world while the other is promised eternal death—separation from God—and darkness.

The rider of the pale horse was named Death; and Hell followed with him.

The identity of the rider of the pale horse and the one who follows after him are seen in the plagues brought on the earth by the “two witnesses” of Revelation 11. It should be understood that the plagues are the rider and the one that follows him; and not the “two witnesses” themselves.

Power was given to the rider of the pale horse over a quarter part of the earth to kill with sword, hunger, death,

and with the beast of the earth. This power describes the plagues of the “two witnesses.”

REVELATION 11:3–6

3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies; and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

Please note here that it is Jesus who has the keys of Death and Hell; and that it is He who gives the power to the “two witnesses.”

ACTS 2:17–20

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke:

20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

First, Second, and Third Trumpets

REVELATION 8:7–11

7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;

9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;

11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

In Revelation 8:7–11, the events that take place in the first three trumpets describe more vividly for us what happens when the fourth seal is opened. The sounding of each trumpet brings about a detailed description of what is occurring on earth as it sounds.

When the first trumpet sounded, hail, fire, and blood were mingled together. They were cast upon the earth, and a third of the trees and all the green grass was burned up.

All of these things describe the power given to the “two witnesses” in Revelation 11:5–6. Fire—the Word of God—comes out of their mouth to destroy their enemies. They have power to stop the rain for 3½ years, which would burn up the grass and destroy many trees. They also have the power to smite the earth with all plagues at their will.

When the second trumpet sounded a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea. A third of the sea

became blood, which caused a third of the creatures of the sea to die, and also destroyed a third of the ships. This also describes the power given to the “two witnesses” in Revelation 11:5–6.

When the third trumpet sounded a great star fell and poisoned a third of the rivers and the fountains of water. Again, this describes how the “two witnesses” in Revelation 11:5–6 had power to smite the earth with all plagues as often as they would.

The 100-Fold Christians

In Mark 4, Jesus told his disciples the “parable of the sower.”

In this parable, Jesus tells us that the seed—the Word of God—fell on good ground—or a believer’s heart—would yield fruit.

Some believers would bring forth thirty-fold, some sixty-fold and some one-hundred-fold. This is determined by the believer’s commitment to the Lord. A thirty-fold Christian believes the gospel so that he will be saved. A sixty-fold Christian is one that has hungered for the deeper things of God. He has received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, with evidence of gifts, such as speaking in tongues and praying in the spirit. He has begun to be a “doer” of the Word, as opposed to just a “hearer.”

The 100-fold Christian is a believer that has “crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts”—Galatians 5:24. He is walking in the Spirit, totally led by the Holy Ghost, having the mind of Christ, a manifestation of the gifts and fruits of the spirit at all times—read I Corinthians 12:8 and Galatians 5:22–23. See the “Last Days” chart on pg. 40 and study “Phase 4—The Tribulation of the Church.”

The Tribulation of the Church

The Tribulation of the Church is a period of time that lasts three and one-half years, beginning with the confirming of the seven-year peace treaty with Israel.

Before going forward with this particular part of the study, it is important to clarify that there are three separate “popular” beliefs among Christians concerning the Tribulation and Rapture. Some believe that it will take place before the Tribulation—“pre-Tribulationists”. Some believe that it will take place in the middle of the 70th week of Daniel—“mid 70th-week believers”. Some believe that it will take place immediately after the “Wrath of God”—“post-Wrath believers” or “end-of-the-70th-week-of-Daniel believers”).

In *Soon Coming World Shaking Events!*, there is evidence on how this unscriptural, pre-Tribulation theory began*.

HOW DID THE PRE-TRIBULATION THEORY BEGIN?

Origin

A brief account of the origin of the doctrine of the pre-Tribulation Rapture of the church should prove enlightening to all, and especially so to the pre-Tribulation Rapturists themselves.

In the early part of the nineteenth century, the “Irvingite” movement began. Among other things that distin-

• * The following material is quoted verbatim from *Soon Coming World-Shaking Events!* (Christian Missionary Press: Phoenix, AZ), pgs. 215–20.

guished the “Irvingites”—named for their leader—was the speaking in tongues and receiving allegedly inspired messages through their “prophets” and “prophetesses.” The work went well, it seems, for awhile, but gradually errors and extravagances crept in; the work fell into disrepute, and, at last, it died an apparently well-deserved death, if one may judge from certain statements that have come down from those days. Many of them from “confessions” by disillusioned adherents of the movement, who declared they had come to realize that frequently, while “speaking in tongues” or allegedly “giving messages in the Spirit” they were really under demonic control.

This is not to say that the gifts of the Spirit are not for real. But Satan can counterfeit the gifts in those who are lost, and he will deceive many.

In one of the Irvingite meetings a woman, professing to be under the influence of the Spirit of God, gave a message to the effect that the church would not go through the great tribulation, as had always been supposed, but would be raptured out of it. Since the Irvingites believed all such messages were inspired, and took them at face value, of course they had to believe this one along with the rest, although it contradicted what they understood the Scriptures to plainly teach.

Later many of them came to question the origin of those “messages” and then to attribute them to demons—because of the accompanying “manifestations”—and so to reject them entirely. Then an era of sanity followed, and “Irvingism” died, the good perishing along with the bad.

But this particular “message” to the effect that the church would be raptured before the Tribulation had

fallen into soil favourable to its rapid growth, and so took hold in the fleshly desires of men, where it found a ready audience—like as today. This pernicious doctrine soon reached the ears of the leaders of The Plymouth Brethren, who accepted it, along with much other error, and began to propagate it extensively.

This woman was the first voice ever to be raised—and that in a “spirit message”—in the teaching of such a doctrine. No Christian writer through eighteen centuries had ever hinted at, or set forth, such a doctrine. It remained for the “Irvingite” woman to be the first to teach it. This beginning was about 1830, during the ministry of Chas. H. Spurgeon, Dr. Tregelles, and George Mueller, all of whom opposed it.

So Pre-Tribulation Rapturism is a new doctrine without the support of even a single text of Scripture. Every Bible writer from Daniel to the Revelator stands in solid opposition to this doctrine. And not one of the early church fathers or writers sanction or set it forth.

But once this flesh-pleasing doctrine was advanced, multitudes soon ran to a supposed shelter from the coming tribulation, and today this deception is everywhere, and to oppose it is to lay oneself liable to the severest criticism and also to outright ostracism.

The writer was recently asked, “How did it ever get such a start and hold upon so many”? The answer was: “The same way as has Russelism, Christian Science, Unity, Mormanism, Spiritualism and all the Cults taken hold upon people as they have—simply by believing what they were taught; supposing it was Scriptural.” (From the book “The Rapture” by Oscar Lewis).

ORIGIN OF THE RAPTURE THEORY

David MacPherson, director of the Heart of America Bible Society of Kansas City, Mo., in his pamphlet “Why I Believe the Church Will Pass Through the Tribulation,” states the following concerning the origin of the pre-Tribulation Rapture theory:

“Edward Irving was a minister in the Church of Scotland. His magnetic personality drew large crowds to his church in London, England.

“In 1830, Irving was expelled by the London Presbytery because he wrote a booklet in which he claimed that Christ’s human nature was sinful! However, he rejected their decision and continued his ministry. In 1831, disturbances began to take place in his services. He was removed from his church the next year, and died two years later. On April 30, 1831, a Mrs. J. B. Cardale, who later joined Irving’s church, had uttered a personal revelation in a home prayer meeting that Christ would soon return, but she was only echoing Scottish lassie Margaret MacDonald’s novel 1830 revelation of a Rapture before the Tribulation!

“It was from this supposed revelation that the modern doctrine and modern phraseology respecting it arose; it came not from Scripture, but from that which falsely pretended to the Spirit of God. Irving accepted this teaching and it was taught at prophetic meetings at Powerscourt House in Ireland, attended by Plymouth Brethren organizer John Darby, Irving’s views influenced Darby, C. H. Mackintosh, and C.I. Scofield, whose Bible popularized the new theory. Later, some of the leading Plymouth Brethren scholars, including Benjamin Newton and S.P. Tregelles, rejected this pre-Trib. theory. For 1,800 years the Church had believed only in a post-Trib coming

which, during persecution, was occasionally thought to be imminent. There is not a shred of historical evidence before 1830 that the Church ever believed in a double coming, or Rapture before the Tribulation!”

It is the Scofield Bible that most Bible seminaries in the U.S. use and recommend to their students, and have for many decades. Students cut their eye teeth on Scofield commentaries which teach a pre-Tribulation Rapture. Most students take these commentaries as gospel. That is why a lot of denominations teach this pre-Tribulation Rapture.

Mr. MacPherson goes on to explain further concerning Margaret MacDonald:

“She was the young woman who originated the pre-Tribulation Rapture theory!

“According to Robert Norton’s book, *The Restoration of Apostles and Prophets in the Catholic Apostolic Church* (London: 1861), she claimed on p. 15 to have received a “revelation” in the spring of 1830, while living in Port Glasgow, Scotland, that Christians would be raptured before the Tribulation—something never taught before 1830. Before 1830, the Church taught only one coming, after the Tribulation!

“Margaret’s revolutionary “revelation” split the Second Coming of Christ into two phases—first, a pre-Trib Rapture; then later after the Trib, the return of Christ to earth. Her own statement, covering three pages in Norton’s book, clearly contains most of the major tenets found today in pre-Trib dispensationalism—meeting the Lord in the air, secrecy, suddenness, invisibility, imminency, and pre-Trib separation of believers and unbelievers, distinction between the raptured bride and Trib elect.

Darby's pre-Trib view soon sprang from her partial Rapturism.

“F. R. Coad's “A History of the Brethren Movement” (Eerdmans; 1968), p. 63, states: ‘Darby, at Newton's suggestion, had already investigated (in 1830) these ‘gifts’ in the course of visits paid to their first place of occurrence at Roe in Scotland, and had rejected them.” (Darby was 29, at the time; Newton was 22.)

“By February, 1831, Benjamin Newton was strongly opposing Irvingism and Margaret's underlying “revelation” of 1830; Coad, p. 128, writes: ‘This rejection included a feature of prophetic interpretation which Darby had adopted, the doctrine of ‘the secret Rapture of the saints.’ So, Plymouth Brethren organizer John Darby rejected Margaret's ‘miraculous gifts’ but accepted her novel two-phase coming.!

“As recorded in Robert Baxter's “Narrative of Facts” (London; 1833), p. 18, Baxter himself had a ‘revelation’ in an Irvingite prayer meeting on January 14, 1832, that Christ would return in three and a half years on July 14, 1835. Not to be outdone, Darby also set dates. In his “Etudes sur L'Epitre aux Hebreux,” Darby wrote on p. 146, ‘There are excellent brethren in all countries who have sought to calculate these days . . . Some have fixed 1844, others 1847; I myself have made several calculations in the times past, and in the same sense.’ And this same Darby influenced Scofield.”

Every Christian should read the “Foxe's Book of Martyrs!”

It tells of how all the Apostles of Christ were all killed for Christ's sake, with the exception of the Apostle John!

It tells of how the Early Church suffered 10 periods of extreme persecutions and tribulations!

It tells of millions of Christians being put to death during the “Dark Ages” and during the Reformation period of the Church!

It tells of the sufferings of Christians in Europe, causing them to come to America for religious freedom. Even in America, in the early days, many Christians were persecuted!

Who are we then, especially in America, to think that we ought not to have to suffer tribulations? Do we think that we are any better than the millions and millions who have died for Christ down the centuries?

Jesus has warned us that there is soon-coming upon us, a “great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect’s (Christians) sake those days shall be shortened.”

CHRISTIANS! BE PREPARED! BE READY! BE GLAD TO SUFFER FOR CHRIST! THE EARLY CHURCH “COUNTED IT ALL JOY” TO SUFFER FOR HIM! LET US DO LIKEWISE!

Note: The doctrines expounded in this book are not to be construed as a “mid-Tribulation” theory!

There is no Scripture that teaches a seven-year tribulation! Consequently, the opening of the Sixth Seal is not in the midst of the Tribulation! It is at the end of the Tribulation! See the “Last Days” chart on pg. 40.

Jesus has told us that He would come for His elect, the Church, “immediately after the tribulation,” which is at the opening of the Sixth Seal.

The Great Tribulation is all over with before the “Wrath of God” begins! The Great Tribulation and “the Wrath of God” are two distinct, different periods of time! The Rap-

ture happens at the end of the Great Tribulation. It's a pre-Wrath Rapture, not a pre-Trib.

However, the Tribulation, the Great Tribulation, and the Wrath of God—all three constitute the length of time known as Daniel's Seventieth Week!

The word Tribulation, "thlipsis," in Greek means pressure, oppression, affliction, distress from surrounding circumstances.

This persecution of true believers is brought on by the preaching of the "Gospel of the Kingdom"—Matthew 24:14—by the "two witnesses." The persecution will come from the Apostate church—those who have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof, as stated in II Timothy 3:5. Just as the religious persons of Jesus' day, known as the Scribes and Pharisees, opposed His gospel of truth.

It will be during this time that the "falling away" will take place, which the Apostle Paul foretold in II Thessalonians 2:3. He writes,

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.

Those who do not have a love or desire for the truth will reject the message of the "two witnesses."

And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie. That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (II Thessalonians 2:11–12)

The Two Witnesses

REVELATION 11:3–12

3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

The “great city” is symbolic of the world, which did and has crucified Jesus by not accepting who He was or His redemption for their sins. Throughout the Old Testament, God depicted who the world is through Egypt where there were many degrees and types of sin. He continually revealed and manifested Himself to the people by redeeming His chosen people, Israel, out of Egypt where they were held in slavery. He delivered them by means of much strength and miracles, separating them unto Himself, and offering them blessing and promised lands.

9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, **and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.**

10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

Revelation 11:3–12 reveals to us the power that will be given to the two witnesses for the period of 1260 days. During this time, they will preach the “Gospel of the Kingdom” with much power—Matthew 24:14. It is through God that they will have the power to shut heaven that it rain not during their ministry, and if any man will hurt them they must in this manner be killed—Revelation 11:5 and 13:10. Fire proceeds out of their mouth, which is symbolic of the word they will preach.

The two witnesses are the two olive trees and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. The two olive trees are symbolic of two organisms which are the two churches described below that produce the same fruit. Olive oil has been symbolic of the Holy Spirit in many scriptures throughout the Bible.

These two olive trees are two bodies of spirit-filled believers. The two witnesses are *also* characterized as two candlesticks. In Revelation 1:20, John tells us that a candlestick is symbolic of a church. The church of Jesus Christ has many different denominations in the world today. However, they are classified into two groups—Catholic and Protes-

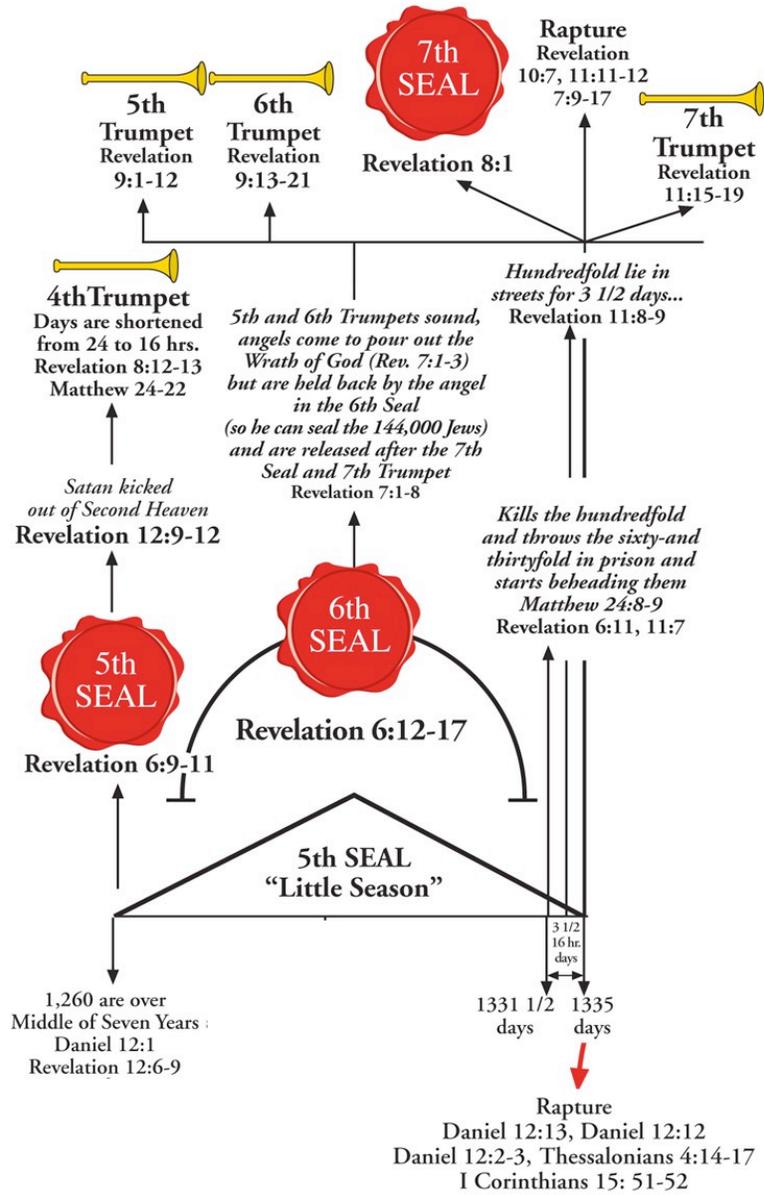
tant. Regardless of denomination, God is not willing that any should perish, but that all would come into the saving knowledge of the true gospel of Jesus Christ.

In the gospel of Luke, chapter 10, verse 1, we are told that Jesus sent a group of seventy out to minister in pairs. In Matthew 18:19, once again, we see Jesus referring to a pair, “If two of you shall agree as touching any thing . . . it shall be done . . . of the Father . . .” It can be understood from this example of scripture that God honors the faith of two believers more than just one.

The two witnesses may be sent out in pairs as the seventy were, or in larger groups, which indicates to us again why they are called the “two witnesses.” When their testimony is finished they will be overcome by the forces of the antichrist. Their bodies lay for 3½ days in the streets of the “great city,” which symbolizes the world—Revelation 11:9.

If people can believe and comprehend that the Bride of Christ is more than one person—even though “Bride” is singular—then people should comprehend that these two *prophets* are two *groups* of people that come out of the two churches. They could number in the thousands. They are *not* just two people! Scriptural it-self tells us who they are—Revelation 11:4. These are the two olive trees and the two candlesticks. It should be easy to see these are not two people!

The Great Tribulation



FIFTH PHASE Beginning of the Church's Great Tribulation Period The Great Tribulation

The Great Tribulation refers to a period of 75 days that follows the Tribulation of the church. These two periods are not to be confused for scripture clearly defines them separately. See the delineation in the “Last Days” chart on page 40.

The **Great Tribulation** begins when Satan is cast down to the earth, having great wrath for he knows that his time is short—Revelation 12:12. It is at this point that Satan possesses “the man of sin”—the antichrist—and gains control over the entire world system of government and the world monetary system—Revelation 13:12.

The antichrist will then, through the Apostate church, purpose all to receive the mark of the beast in their right hand or forehead, and call all to worship his image—Revelation 13:13–18. He will deceive the world with signs and lying wonders. All who do not receive the mark and worship his image will be done away with or seized at this time.

There is only one group of people on earth that will not bow their knee to the beast, and they are the true church of believers in Jesus Christ. In John 10:4–5, Jesus states that His sheep know His voice and a stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from the stranger.

Satan's plan to seize the church of true believers will not stand. It will be greatly hindered by the shortening of days—Matthew 24:22—and the soon coming Rapture of the church.

The Fourth Trumpet

REVELATION 8:12–13

12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound.

This passage of scripture refers to the fourth of the seven trumpets, which are sounded by seven angels. When the fourth angel sounds his trumpet, a third part of the sun, a third part of the moon, and a third part of the stars are darkened. A third part of the day shone not, and likewise, a third part of the night.

The only explanation for all of these things being reduced by a third is that the 24-hour day has been shortened by a third, making it a 16-hour day. This could only happen by the earth's rotation speeding up, so that a full rotation, or day, would equal 16 hours instead of 24.

In Matthew 24:22 Jesus spoke about the times in which the days would be shortened for the elect's sake—and if those days were not shortened, there would no flesh be saved. The saints, at this point, will be seeking refuge from the antichrist while waiting for Jesus' return. For them, the days being shortened will be a blessing allowing them less daylight, as they will be sought after due to their rebellion against the antichrist.

Satan Cast Down To The Earth

Revelation 12:12 tells us that the devil will be cast down to the earth, having great wrath because he knows that his time is short before going to the bottomless pit—Revelation 20:1–3.

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

Here, in Isaiah 14:12, we see that Satan has been cast out of heaven where God's physical presence resides. This heaven is the third heaven according to II Corinthians 12:2, where the Apostle Paul was taken.

In order for Satan to be cast down a second time, he would have to be cast out of the second heaven which is stellar space in a spirit dimension—Genesis 15:5 and 22:17—in the outer atmosphere of the earth.

The first heaven is the inner atmosphere of the earth, or the sky—Genesis 1:8. Satan is cast out of the second heaven 1260 days from the confirming of the covenant, or in the middle of the 70th week of Daniel 9. This leaves 1260 days remaining in the 70th week, which is the time referred to in Revelation 12:6–17 and Revelation 13:5.

The Fifth Seal

REVELATION 6:9–11

9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were 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, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

11 And **white robes** were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

This passage of scripture refers to Jesus, the Lamb of God, opening the fifth of seven seals that contains revelations about events that will take place before the Second Coming of the Lord.

When the fifth seal was opened, John saw under the altar in heaven the souls of them that were slain for the Word of God, and for the testimony which they held. These are the souls of the saints that have been martyred from the first martyr to the beginning of the church age to the time of the opening of the fifth seal.

In Revelation 12:12, we see that these souls have knowledge of the fact that Satan has been cast down to the earth. It states, “Therefore, rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them.” (Note that “heavens” is plural.) The souls under the altar then cried with a loud voice saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?” As though they expected the Wrath of God to be poured out at that time.

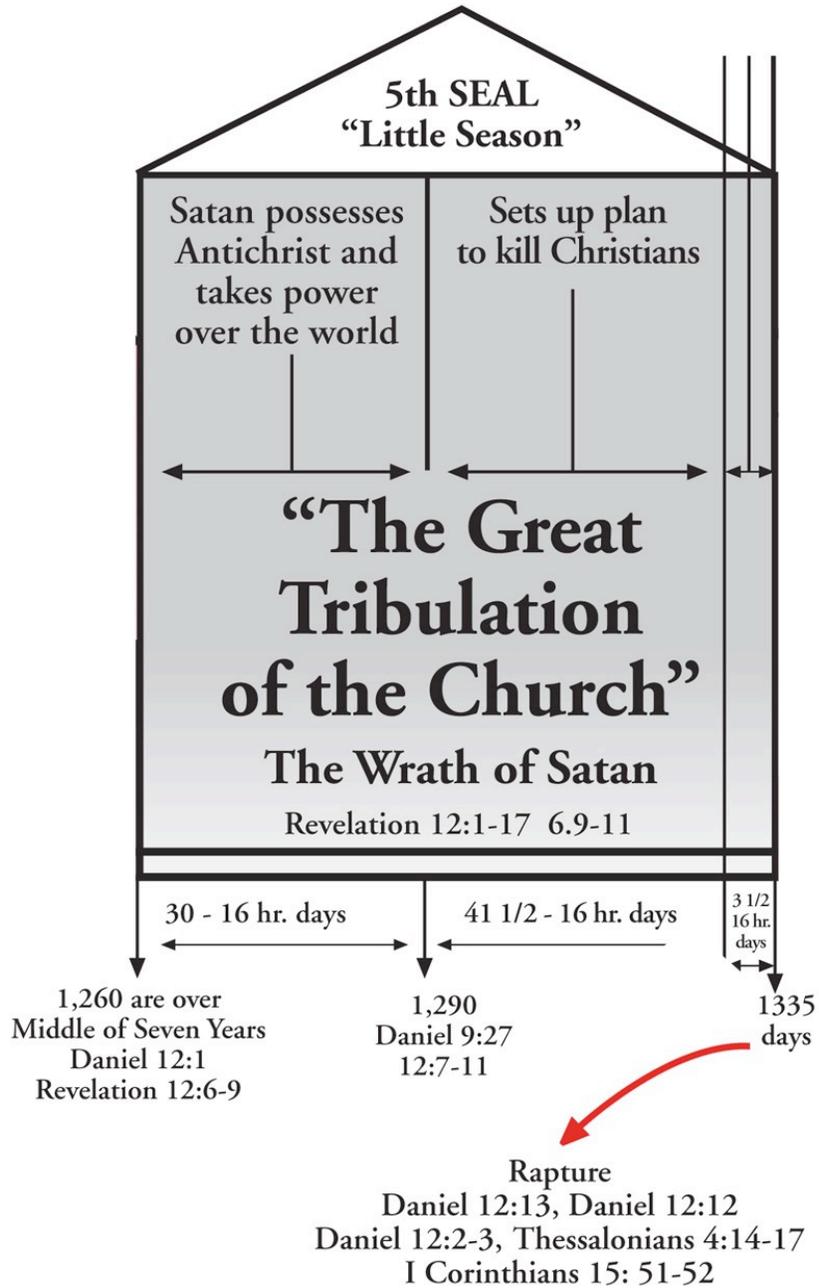
White robes were given to them at this time, and they were told to rest a “little season” for their fellow servants and brethren were to be killed as they were. The white robes they receive are robes of righteousness, according to the works each had done in their service to the Lord. Some robes will have greater glory than others, due to their

works—I Corinthians 15:41–42. They did not receive these robes until the opening of the fifth seal.

Revelation 14:13 states, “. . . Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.” From the time of the fifth seal on, the saints that die will receive their white robes upon their death! At the Rapture, they will receive their new bodies.

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Wrath of Satan



SIXTH PHASE

Great Tribulation Period —The Wrath of Satan

1260 Days Are Passed

In Revelation 11:3, we see that the “two witnesses” will receive power for a 1260-day period, which is about 3½ years by the ancient Hebrew calendar that had a 354-day year. These days begin upon the confirmation of the seven-year covenant of Daniel 9:27 and will end at the start of the Great Tribulation period of the church.

The next event to occur will be that which is spoken of in Matthew 24:21, “For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.” This is the fifth seal’s “little season.” It is at this time that the days are shortened to 16-hour days, as spoken of in Revelation 8:12–13 and Matthew 24:22.

Once the treaty is signed we have 3½ years or 1260 days of tribulation. Once these days have passed we start the Great Tribulation, which lasts 75 days. The first thirty days are 16-hour days, in which Satan and his angels—the third that rebelled against God in Heaven—have departed from the second heaven, after the battle in this spiritual realm between the forces of Michael the Archangel and Satan and his demonic third.

Daniel 12:7–11 tells us that there are 1290 days after the confirming of the treaty between Israel and the United Nations, until the antichrist stands in the temple in Jerusalem and proclaims himself as God, which is the abomination of desolation. See also II Thessalonians 2:4 and Matthew 24:15.

Thirty 16-hour days after Satan's physical possession of the antichrist we will have 41½ sixteen-hour days that are part of the Great Tribulation of the Church. Satan, through the antichrist, persecutes the two witnesses and overcomes them, killing them as prophesied. Their dead bodies will lay in the streets throughout the world for 3½ days. At this point, he will pursue all other Christians who have not received his mark. This brings us to 1335 days since the confirming of the treaty, and these days are ended with the Rapture of the Church—Daniel 12:12–13. There are now 1185 that are 16 hours long, until the end of the seven years. See the “Last Days” chart for more details.

Fifth and Sixth Trumpets

REVELATION 9:1–12

1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth; and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months; and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.

8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.

9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.

10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails; and their power was to hurt men five months.

11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

12 One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

These verses of scripture refer to the fifth of seven trumpets sounded by seven angels.

It is easy to see, in studying the scriptures, that the fifth and sixth trumpets are the “Wrath of God.” According to the scriptures, the seventh trumpet **is** the **Rapture**—look back at the “Trump of God “ commentary. Now, according to I Thessalonians 5:9, we are not appointed to “God’s wrath.” So, we ask the question. If the fifth and sixth trumpets are “God’s wrath” and the seventh trumpet is the Rapture, then how is it that we’re **not** here for the wrath?

Here’s the **hidden mystery!** The fifth and sixth trumpet sounds. The angels come to pour out “the Wrath of God” but are held back by the angel in the sixth seal—Revelation 7:2–4—so He can seal the 144,000 Jews. The seventh trumpet sounds, and the Rapture occurs. Then the angels of the fifth and sixth trumpet are released to pour out the “Wrath of God.”

I Corinthians 15:51–52, Revelation 10:7, and Revelation 11:15 are scriptural references of the Rapture event. We will know, according to I Thessalonians 5:4, when the Rapture is going to occur. In Revelation 7:1–3, you can see the Wrath of God being held back until the 144,000 Jews—12,000 from each of the 12 tribes of Israel—are sealed. And then in Revelation 7:9, the Rapture itself has taken place. In Revelation 9:4 and 14–15, the Wrath of God is poured out. Study these passages and the scenario they outline and you will be surprised at what you see.

When the fifth trumpet sounded John saw a star fall to the earth, and the bottomless pit was opened. Smoke arose out of the pit like a great furnace, which darkened the sun. Out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given to the locusts, as scorpions have to strike men. The locusts were commanded not to hurt the grass or the trees of the earth; but only the men that had not been sealed by God. Those that are sealed are the 144,000—the remnant of Israel.

The locusts torment those without the seal for five months. During this time frame, the saints have already been raptured—for his people do not suffer under God's wrath according to I Thessalonians 5:9.

The fifth and sixth trumpets are the seven vials being poured out on the earth, which is the Wrath of God.

REVELATION 9:13–21

13 And 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 which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.

16 And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.

17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.

18 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.

19 For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails; for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.

20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

These scriptures refer to the events of the sixth trumpet sounding.

When the sixth angel sounded his trumpet John heard a voice from the four horns of the altar, which is before God saying to the angel of the sixth trumpet, “Loose the four angels that are bound in the great river Euphrates.” They were loosed for a prepared period of time, which is an hour, a day, a month, and a year. They had power to slay a third of all the men.

This is the Battle of Armageddon—Revelation 16:16—
“And he gathered them together into a place called in the
Hebrew tongue Armageddon.”

John saw a 200,000,000-man army and the weapons
they had, and by this battle a third of mankind was killed—
Revelation 14:19–20.

Please take note here that the fifth and sixth trumpets
cause the events of the sixth seal; and these are the seven
vials attempting to be poured out, which is God’s wrath.
The angel of the sixth seal holds back the angels of the fifth
and sixth trumpets until the 144,000 are sealed and pro-
tected by God. The seventh trumpet sounds, which is the
Rapture. Read I Corinthians 15:51–53, Revelation 10:7, and
Revelation 11:15–19 to see these events. **Then**, the seven
vials are poured out, which are the fifth and sixth trumpets
that were held back.

John records the seven seals, seven trumpets, and seven
vials. Through understanding the scriptures, it becomes ob-
vious that these do not happen in *chronological* order. John
simply wrote these revelations down in the order in which
he saw them. For example, the events recorded in the seals
are in some instances stated again in the trumpets and vials
but with more detail than previously revealed. See the de-
tails of this in the “Last Days” chart on pg. 40.

The Fifth Seal’s “Little Season”

REVELATION 6:9–11

9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the al-
tar the souls of them that were 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, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

The “little season” mentioned in the opening of the fifth seal is the period of time that the souls—under the altar in Heaven, which were slain for the Word of God and for their testimony—were told to wait until their fellow servants and brethren would be killed as they had been killed, fulfilling scripture.

The “little season” is the Great Tribulation of the church, or the wrath of Satan, on the true church. It is a period of time lasting 75 days. These days have been shortened for the “elect’s” sake to 16-hour days, as discussed previously. God, of course, is the only one who had the power to shorten a day, and as prophesied, it will be done in His timing.

Please note here that during this time there will also be an Apostate church that worships the antichrist, and will receive the mark of the beast.

REVELATION 12

1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.

2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

The woman described in verse 1 represents the twelve tribes of Israel. And the man child of verse 5 represents the body of Christ—the saints. The dragon of verse 7 is, of course, Satan—with the third of the angels that rebelled with him.

This particular chapter is worth studying intently. Take a good look at it; you will see the same event repeated three times.

The Sixth Seal

REVELATION 6:12

12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

This passage of scripture refers to Jesus, the Lamb of God, opening the sixth of seven seals that contains revelations about events that will take place before the Second Coming of the Lord.

When the sixth seal was opened there was an earthquake and the sun became black and the moon became as blood is stated Matthew 24:29, Acts 2:20, and Revelation 8:12.

These cataclysmic events are brought on by the earth being sped up in its rotations from a 24-hour day to a 16-hour day—Revelation 8:12. Once again, in Mark 13:20, Jesus spoke of the shortening of days for the sake of the elect. God shortens the days to prevent the antichrist from having the time he needs to seize and destroy all Christians. Otherwise, there would be no flesh alive and remaining for the Rapture. Please remember, 1335 days have to pass according to Daniel 12:12.

Please note here, the Rapture has not taken place yet. Jesus clearly states that it is after the tribulation of those days that the sun shall be darkened and the moon turned to blood. Then shall they see him coming and send his angels to gather His elect from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven. Read Matthew 24:21–31 and Mark 13:19–27.

This is the Rapture of the church. The dead in Christ being those from the uttermost part of heaven, and they which are alive at that time being the uttermost part of the earth. At the same time the days are being shortened, Satan and the third of angels that fell with him are being cast out of the second heaven. This causes the darkness in the earth's atmosphere!

As a result of these events, the people of the world—non-believers—assume that this is the Wrath of God being poured out. Please remember that the two witnesses have already preached about the future Wrath of God coming.

Satan seizes this opportunity through his possession of the antichrist to gain world domination. Satan claims that he is the one that has caused these great wonders to occur, and he will deceive the world.

II THESSALONIANS 2:8–9

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders.

At this time, the angels carrying the fifth and sixth trumpets, which represent the Wrath of God, prepare to sound. The wrath is held back by the angel in the sixth seal until the 144,000 of the 12 tribes of Israel are sealed.

John recorded in full the events that happened when they sounded. However, he did not state at that time that they were held back.

After the 144,000 are sealed, the seventh trumpet sounds. Thus, the church is raptured. The events of the fifth and sixth trumpets—God’s wrath—begin to unfold and are poured out upon the earth.

REVELATION 7:9–17

9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with **white robes**, and palms in their hands;

10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

12 Saying, Amen: Blessing and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in **white robes**? and whence came they?

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of **great tribulation**, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

In these passages of scripture, we are told of the multitudes in heaven, which no man could number of all nations, kindreds, and tongues. This tells us the seventh trumpet has sounded and the Rapture has taken place.

Please note that here again, in Revelation 7:9, that all the multitudes had white robes, which no one was given until the opening of the fifth seal. For more details, see the previous section on the fifth seal.

It should be understood from the scripture that this “great multitude” in heaven that was raptured came out of the **Great Tribulation**.

We end the Great Tribulation here, and the Wrath of God has come to the earth as foretold. This is the justice that the souls in the fifth seal requested. The Wrath of God could not be poured out until the Rapture of the true church. I Thessalonians 5:9 says that God has not appointed us to wrath; but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Seventh Seal

REVELATION 8:1

1 And when he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

This passage refers to Jesus, the Lamb of God, opening the seventh of the seven seals that contains revelations about events that will take place upon His return for His people.

John speaks here about the silence of heaven for about half an hour. This period of time is the result of the Rapture taking place.

I Thessalonians 4:14 states that when the Rapture takes place, God will bring the dead in Christ with Him. Mark 13:27 and Matthew 24:31 tell us that, at the great sound of the trumpet, the angels of God are sent to gather His elect from the uttermost part of heaven to the uttermost part of the earth.

From this we can see that God had departed from Heaven, temporarily, to meet the church in the Rapture. The angels have departed from Heaven to gather His elect, and the souls that died in Christ have departed from Heaven to be reinserted into their new, resurrected, glorified bodies. Remember, the dead in Christ rise first. And then, we which are alive and remain shall be changed into our glorified bodies, and then ascend up together to meet the Lord in the air, in the glory cloud. And so shall we ever be with the Lord—I Thessalonians 4:13–18.

It is obvious to see that *everyone* has departed from heaven for this short period of time to be united together in the clouds.

The seventh seal of Revelation 8:1 stands apart from the remainder of the chapter. It should be understood that the seven trumpets *do not follow* the seventh seal, and the seven trumpets are not a result of the seventh seal.

The Seventh Trumpet

REVELATION 11:15

15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

It must be understood that the seventh trumpet of Revelation 11:15 is the same one spoken of in the following scriptures: Matthew 24:31, I Corinthians 15:52, I Thessalonians 4:16, and Revelation 10:7. All of these scriptures proclaim the Rapture of the true church on earth at the time of great tribulation. Those that will be raptured are, of course, the saints of that day. However, all saints, from past to present will be united and take their place in this miraculous event.

They are the ones spoken of in Revelation 12:11,

And they that overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

In I Corinthians 15:51, the Apostle Paul tells us that he is going to show us a *mystery*. He states that we shall not all sleep or die; but rather, they that are alive at the time this mystery is revealed will be *changed*, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the **last trumpet**. Paul is saying that

our natural, physical body—subject to sin, sickness, disease and death—is going to be changed into a body that is incorruptible and immortal—I Corinthians 15:53. Even the dead in Christ shall be raised to life with an incorruptible, immortal body. We can reference this back to I Thessalonians 4:13–18, where, once again, Paul is prophesying about the Rapture. These events occur at the sounding of the seventh and final trumpet.

In Revelation 10:7, we can see that upon the final trumpet sounding by the seventh angel the mystery of God will be finished—as He has declared to His servants, the prophets. Please realize that the mystery Paul spoke of in I Corinthians 15:51 is one and the same with Revelation 10:7; the last trumpet where the Rapture comes to pass.

Revelation 11 tells us of the events that take place before and after the seventh trumpet.

REVELATION 11

1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.

3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them

to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud: and their enemies beheld them.

13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God.

17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

18 And the nations were angry, and thy **wrath** is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give **reward** unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail. **(Emphasis added)**

Before the seventh trumpet sounds, we see that the “two witnesses” have finished their testimony, which lasted three and one half years. This period—the first half of Daniel’s seventieth week—is the Tribulation of the church. When this time has come to pass the “two witnesses” testimony ends also.

We now move into the period of time referred to as great tribulation, according to Jesus’ words in Matthew 24:21.

During the period of Great Tribulation, Satan possesses the antichrist and gains world domination through what is referred to today as the New World Order or the U.N. He will stand in the temple in Israel and proclaim that he is God and stop the daily sacrifice and demand the worship of himself. The world Apostate church will demand that the mark of the beast be taken by all mankind—as told in Revelation 13:16, “And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads.” Throughout this study, we have proclaimed that those who will not be deceived by the antichrist, or receive his mark are the saints of that time period.

I, as well as many others, such as Carl Sanders, who invented an implantable biochip transponder, believe that this will be the mark of the beast.

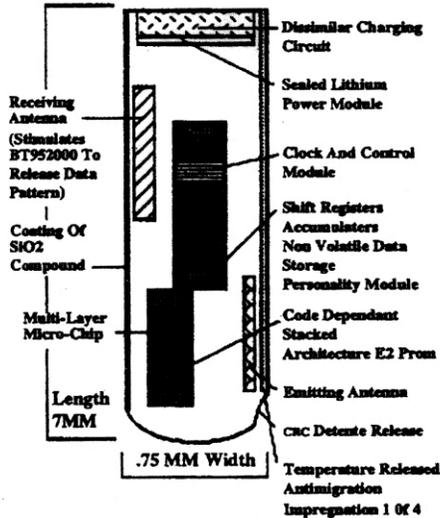
BT952000 Implantable BioChip

Fig. 10 The technology exists to implant an information chip inside the human body.

The name of the beast, located in Luxembourg just outside of Brussels, Belgium, is *Brussels Electronic Accounting Surveillance Terminal*. The number of the beast is 666, which is the system that uses the UPC, electronic funds transfer and debit card transactions.

These transactions are currently being made worldwide through the system using the number 666. Though we have not come into the day of his reign, the system is literally being set up for the antichrist to step into place and make his demands—fulfilling that which has been prophesied about him throughout the scriptures.

During the Great Tribulation, the world will give allegiance to the antichrist by receiving his mark in their right hands or foreheads.

It is also at this time that the antichrist sets up the worldwide plan to kill the two witnesses, which will be the leaders of the resistance to his domination. When the prophecy is fulfilled, he will have killed all those classified as the “two witnesses,” their bodies will be left unburied in the streets of the world for 3½ days.

The remaining Christians are then imprisoned for their

disobedience to his domination, and, as Revelation 20:4 states, he will begin to behead them accordingly.

Then, three and one half days after the “two witnesses” are killed, the Spirit of Life from God enters into their dead bodies—not only these, but all of the dead in Christ from the past and present. Their bodies are transformed, they are given incorruptible and immortal bodies, and they stand on their feet. This is the Rapture coming to pass. Those that are alive in Christ will also receive these new bodies. Together, they will hear a voice from heaven say, “Come up hither,” and they will ascend into a cloud of glory where the Lord is waiting to meet them in the air.

This, of course, is the sound of the seventh angel’s trumpet; the long-awaited day for the saints throughout the ages. Upon this sounding, scripture tells us that the Lord’s servants, prophets, and saints, and all those who fear him receive their rewards.

Matthew 16:27 states that the Son of Man, Jesus, shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He shall reward every man according to his works. In Revelation 22:12, scripture tells us that Jesus is coming quickly and that His reward is with Him, to give to every man according to his works. This makes it clear that the seventh trumpet is the sounding of the Rapture.

After its sounding, Revelation 11:18 tells us that the nations are angry and the Wrath of God has now come upon them. The antichrist has deceived them. I Thessalonians 5:9 gives us the assurance that God’s saints are not appointed to His wrath. Amen!

The Rapture

Before establishing what the Bible says about the Rapture, it should be understood that the word “rapture” does not appear in the Holy Scriptures. The word rapture refers to being “caught up” which the Bible refers to in various scriptures. I Thessalonians 4:17 is a prime example.

In I Thessalonians 4:13–18, Paul tells us of an event that will take place at the sounding of the seventh trumpet. At this point, it is well known that God has designed a set time for each of the trumpet soundings. It is at this time that all whom have ever trusted in His sacrifice—His Son, Jesus—will arise to fulfill scripture. This is the first resurrection mentioned in Revelation 20:5–6.

The Apostle Paul also tells us that, at this time, all that are alive or dead in Christ will arise and receive their new, incorruptible, spiritual, and immortal bodies. These “new” bodies will be those that have been long awaited for by the saints who have gone before all those living at this current time.

I CORINTHIANS 15:51–54

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

Clearly, the scripture states that those who sleep—or have already died and are now with Christ—will receive their new bodies at the time the Rapture occurs. All together will finally receive their reward.

In studying the scripture, it is easy to understand and must be understood that the trumpets referred to in Matthew 24:31, I Corinthians 15:52, I Thessalonians 4:16, Revelation 10:7, and Revelation 11:15 are one and the same. It is called the last trumpet and the trumpet of God. The seventh trumpet is the last sounded.

The Wrath of Satan

REVELATION 12

1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.

2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

In these passages of scripture, John foretells of a great dragon. These detailed verses are symbolic of the world government that will be in affect and has been mentioned previously in our study. The antichrist will now hold office as dictator of the New World Order.

John states that the dragon's tail drew a third of the stars of heaven to the earth. This represents the fact that long ago Satan, along with a third of the angels, fell out of God's grace and heaven. Jesus referred to this in Matthew 24:29 and Mark 13:25, when he stated that the powers of the heavens shall be shaken, and the stars shall fall from heaven.

The Apostle Paul speaks to us along these lines in Ephesians 6:12, where he writes that the principalities, powers,

and spiritual wickedness, in high places, are the rulers of the darkness in this world. These are the fallen angels, along with Satan that have been “cast” out of those high places of the heaven to the earth. The first heaven is the atmosphere of the earth. The second heaven is what science refers to as the stellar heavens. The third heaven is the New Jerusalem, where God resides and reigns over the universe.

In John’s vision of this time, he also saw a woman who was about to deliver a child. The dragon stood before the woman to devour the child upon its birth.

Satan has now taken residence in the body of the anti-christ, and the woman here represents the nation of Israel. The twelve stars on her head represent the twelve tribes of Israel. Revelation 12:5 reveals that the child she delivers is a man child, representing the whole body of Christ—the true church.

Ephesians 1:22–23 tells us that Jesus is the Head of the Body of the Church. As the body cannot function without the head so it is with the body of believers being separated from Christ. Jesus spoke clearly on this in John 17:21–23. Those who believe are one in Him, just as He is in the Father; and the Father is in Him, so are those that belong to Him.

As God’s masterpiece Israel was meant to bring forth salvation for all. So the woman bearing the twelve tribes of Israel on her head brings forth the man child, which in later times became the church bearing Christianity.

The identity of the man child can be seen more clearly when John writes to us in Revelation 12:5—“And she brought forth a man child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.” At this point, the gospel will have been preached throughout the nations and those that firmly believe will not

waver, having fulfilled their duties on earth for Christ's sake. Their stand will be as firm as the Word of God, likened to iron in a furnace. They will not worship the beast or his image nor take his mark but will reign with Christ and rule the nations upon His prophesied dominion of the earth.

The antichrist will have performed his prophesied act; and will have killed the "two witnesses," along with many other saints that would not receive his mark.

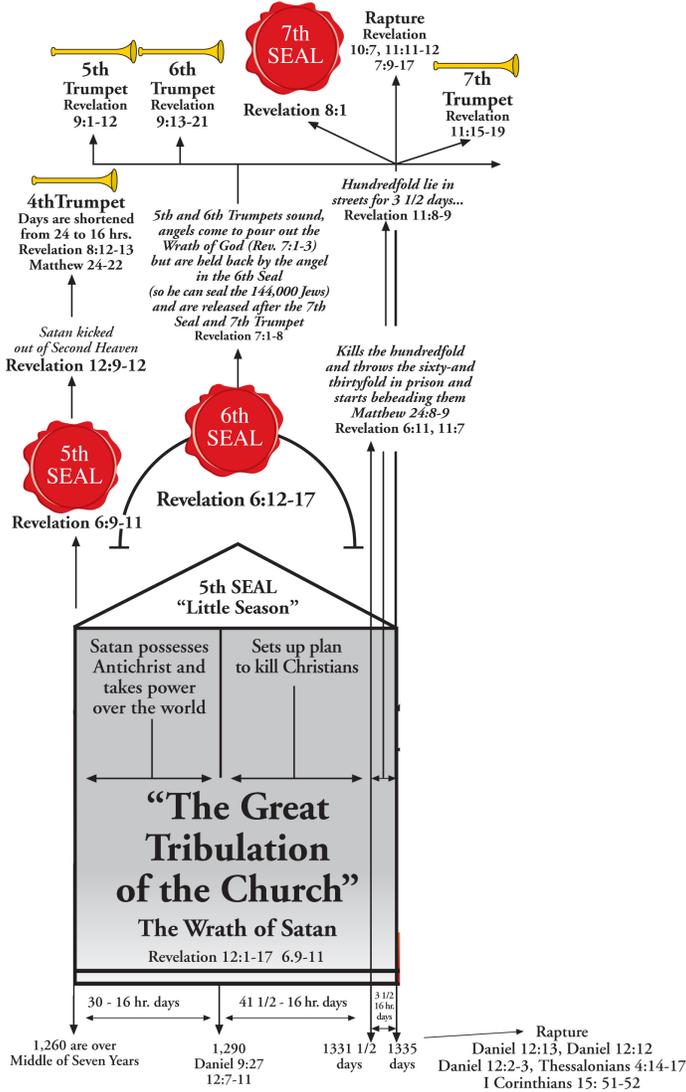
Revelation 7:9–10 and 14 speaks of the multitudes of all nations, kindreds, people, and tongues that will stand before the throne, and the Lamb, clothed with white robes; coming out of the Great Tribulation. It is clear to see that, upon the Rapture or the seventh trumpet, those that are or had been alive during the Great Tribulation, along with all generations before them will receive their new bodies together as they are united with Jesus in the air. The Great Tribulation period is the wrath of Satan and not that of God.

The dragon was wroth with the woman—Israel. The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared by God for her 1260 days, which is the last 3½ years of Daniel's seventieth week.

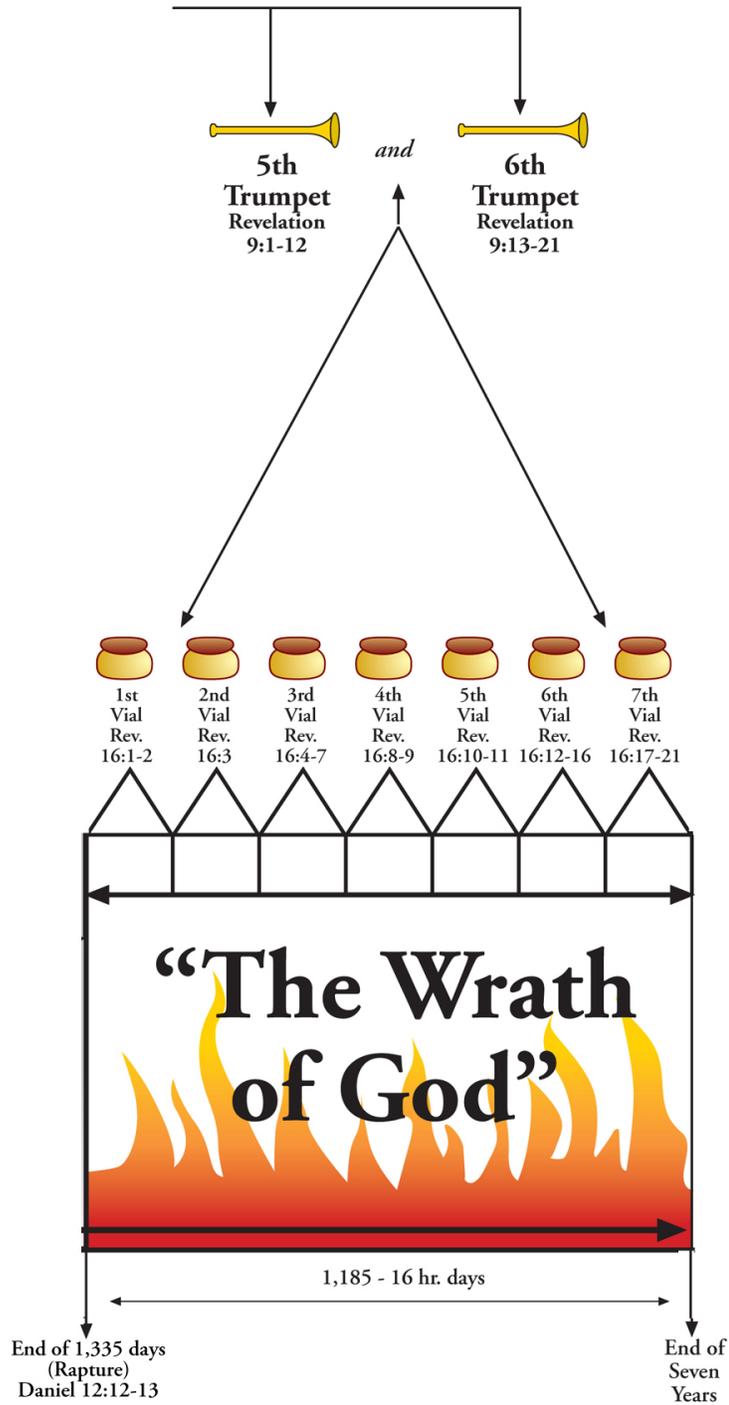
Note here, that in the sixth seal, in Revelation 7:3–8, after the twelve tribes of Israel are sealed and protected, that the church—*the man child*—is raptured. Satan's possession of the antichrist—the son of perdition or the man of sin—along with his demonic forces; a third of the fallen angels have but a short time of dominion left over the fallen world.

Revelation 12:7 speaks to us once again, in reference to the fall of Satan, and the angels that chose to follow him—a third of the fallen stars. Michael the Archangel leads the angels of God in war against Satan and his forces. The angels of God naturally prevail in this spiritual battle and cast them to earth.

Revelation 12:12 says, “Woe unto the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down to you, having great wrath; because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.” Revelation 12:13 states that when Satan saw that he was cast down to earth, he persecuted the woman—or the twelve tribes of Israel. The woman was given the wings of a great eagle to fly to the place prepared for her protection until the final 3½ years of Daniel’s seventieth week have come to pass.



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Wrath of God



According to the Holy Bible, the Wrath of God is going to be a time of trouble that is so great that there has never been a time of troubles this great since the beginning of the world. Thank God, us Christians, the body of Christ, are not going to be here.

For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, (I Thessalonians 5:9)

This scripture clearly states that we are not appointed to God's wrath. Therefore, the Rapture must take place just prior to the wrath being poured out. In Revelation 14:14–20 it clearly states how this event will transpire:

And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped. And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the **wrath of God**. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and the blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs. **(Emphasis added.)**

Note that when “he that sat on the cloud thrust his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped” that the Rapture has occurred. And the “space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs” is 200 miles.

There is going to be a period of time that signifies the beginning of the end. The church commonly calls this time period the “Seven-Year Tribulation.” The Book of Daniel 9:27 in the Bible calls this time period, Daniel’s 70th Week—this week is a seven-year period.

This **one verse** in Daniel 9:27 sums up the proper way that all events will unfold. Let’s take this verse apart.

And he (antichrist) shall confirm the covenant (peace treaty) with many (Israel and the surrounding Arab nations) for one week (week of years). And in the midst of the week (1,290 days into the peace treaty according to Daniel 12:11) he (antichrist) shall make it desolate (a ruin), even until the consummation (Rapture, the perfection of the saints. This perfection can only happen in the resurrection of the saints, and we see Jesus face to face. And we will be at that time and only at that time. As he is perfect, I John 3:2, this happens 1,335 days into the treaty. Daniel 12:12–13). And that determined (Wrath of God) shall be poured upon the desolate (seat of the beast, Revelation 16:10,19, for the remainder of the seven years).

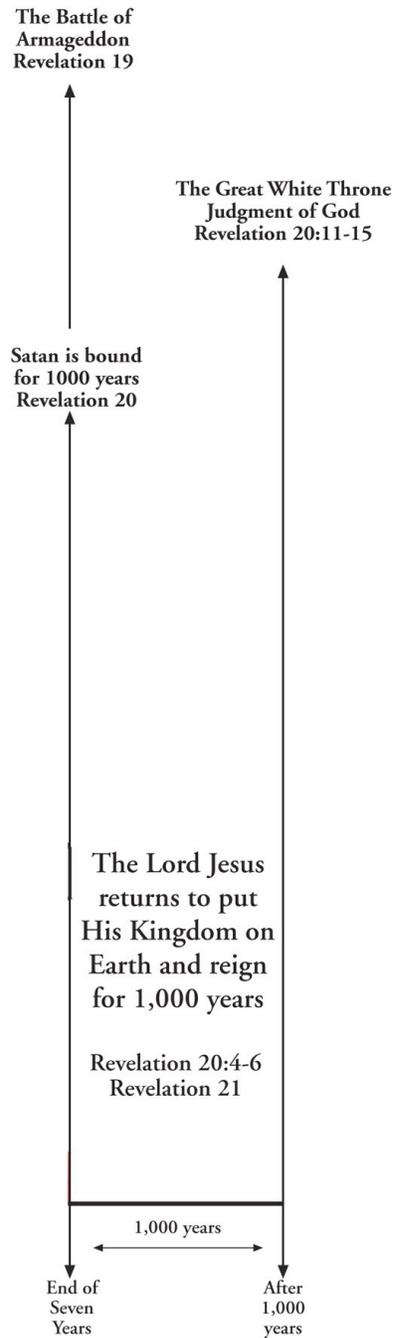
Here is the breakdown of the seven-year period: The first twelve hundred and sixty days is the Tribulation of the church. According to Revelation 11:1–3, from 1,260 to 1,335 days—seventy-five days total—is the Great Tribulation period, or the Wrath of Satan on God’s people, the true church, then the church is raptured. The remainder of the

seven years is what will be the Wrath of God, totaling 1,185 days.

The fifth and sixth trumpets in Revelation 9:1–21 are the Wrath *of God* and the seven vials in Revelation 16:17–21 are the events brought about by the fifth and sixth trumpets. These trumpets are the spiritual outlook of God’s Wrath and the seven vials are the natural effects brought by the spiritual events in the spiritual realm. Read very intensely the fifth and sixth trumpets and the seven vials, then do a comparison between the two. I think you will see that they are the same things but looked at from two different perspectives, one spiritual and one natural.

There is a saying among Christians, “See you in the Rapture.” Pray that you are found worthy to be a part of the Rapture and escape the Wrath of God.

The Millennium



THE DAY OF THE LORD

Before getting into the Millennium, a little background information is needed. The Millennium is the Day of the Lord—with the understanding that a “day” is a thousand years, and a thousand years but a day with the Lord.

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. (II Peter 3:10)

But the Day of the Lord is a little longer than 1,000 years, according to the scriptures. First, the Day of the Lord starts with the Rapture, and it will be the “Last Day” according to John 6:40.

And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

This verse states that the last day is when He will raise up everyone who believes, and we have already seen that that is the Rapture.

There are many scriptures which tell of the Day of the Lord starting with the Rapture.

For yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord** so cometh as a thief in the night (I Thessalonians 5:2) **(Emphasis added.)**

It may come as a thief to the unbelievers of the world but not to the believers. For I Thessalonians 5 continues with verse 4:

But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

We can also see in Revelation 11:15 and 18 the start of the “Last Day.”

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. . . . And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

What do we see in these two verses? We see the saints receiving their rewards—as discussed, that happens at the Rapture. And we see that God’s wrath is coming, which cannot happen until after the Rapture. So, we see that the Day of the Lord is starting at the same time as the Lord is rewarding his saints. He is also pouring out His wrath—giving the world all of the devil that they want—by allow-

ing the antichrist to continue to rule until the end of Daniel's 70th week.

And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to **continue** forty and two months. (Revelation 13:5) (**Emphasis added.**)

The "him" is the antichrist, and he is allowed to *continue* his rule over the world as part of God's wrath until the end of Daniel's 70th week.

Now, let's ask a question.

How do we know that the Day of the Lord is just over a thousand years?

Good question.

But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but His longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (II Peter 3:7–9)

What is Peter trying to tell us here? He is saying that the Day of the Lord is a thousand years. And we see that the Lord is long suffering toward us—He is not willing that any of us should die without Him—but He does have a promised time concerning His coming.

And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected. (Luke 13:32)

What do we see in this verse? We see the Lord giving us the promised time concerning His coming. When the Jesus said, “I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow . . .” He was talking about that first millennium—or first day—starting with His birth, when He was walking the earth. The “to morrow” would be the second millennium—together with the first millennium totaling 2,000 years and being the church age. It is Jesus that casts out devils and does cures through the believer by faith, and has been almost 2,000 years—or two days to the Lord..

Now, we are coming to the third day. Jesus states that on the third day He would be perfected. Was Jesus ever not perfect? Jesus is perfect and always has been perfect, so what was Jesus talking about? He is saying that He would be perfected *in His body*—the saints—on the third day. The only way that can happen is in the Rapture—or the start of the Day of the Lord. Only in the Rapture will we be perfected in Christ. When we see Him face to face and will be as He is—perfect—and rule and reign with Him for a thousand years according to Revelation 20:4.

So, how close are we to the Day of the Lord? The second day is about to come to a close in the very near future. So, if the third day is the Day of the Lord . . .

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. (II Peter 3:10)

“The day of the Lord will come . . .” refers to the Rapture, and there is over a thousand-year gap between this first part and the next part of the verse “. . . in which the heavens shall pass away . . .” This happens at the end of the Millennial reign and brings the Day of the Lord to a close.

And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.. (Revelation 20:2–3)

With Satan being bound for a thousand years and then let loose for a little season—a little season being about 2½ months—and the Day of the Lord starting in the middle of Daniel’s 70th week, this makes the Day of the Lord about 1,004 years long all total. Now, with this understanding, let’s move on to the beginning of the millennium.

THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

In Revelation 19:14-21, we see the King of Kings and Lord of Lords coming with the armies of heaven to slay the antichrist and his armies. Then, in Revelation 20:1–3, we see Satan being bound for a thousand years. This period of time ends Daniel’s 70th week and **starts the Millennium.**

In Revelation 20:4 we see the saints rule and reign with Christ our Lord for a thousand years. It states,

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

When the thousand years have expired, Satan must be loosed for a little season.

And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.. (Revelation 20:3)

The reason Satan is let loose for a little season is because we serve a just and holy God. God does not want any more Satans to disrupt or throw into disorder the heavens or the universe ever again. The angels of Heaven were exposed to the influences of Satan, and he caused one third of them to fall and rebel against God. Mankind, from Adam to the start of the Millennium, has and will be under satanic influences. But throughout the Millennium, Satan is bound up and not able to influence the human race. Mankind will greatly multiply during the Millennium because there will be hardly any death. The only death that will occur will be to those *people* who refuse to stop sinning, and sin will surely cause their death. Most of the human race will live through the entire Millennium.

Now, when the Millennium is up, Satan will be let loose so that the “master deceiver” will be able to try to deceive

those in the “natural realm.” By Satan being turned loose after the Millennial reign, all humans who have ever lived will have been tempted of him. After the thousand-year reign of Christ over a perfect society, if people can fall under the influences of Satan, they are not fit for heaven and eternal life with Christ. So, *all who* go into eternity with Christ will have been exposed to Satan’s influence and were overcomers!

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT OF GOD

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place of them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

The Day of the Lord starts with judgment, and about 1,004 years later, it ends with judgment.

In Revelation 20:6, it states that there are two resurrections. The first being the resurrection of the saints—Revelation 11:18—and the second being the resurrection of

the damned—Revelation 20:12–15. Those that have part in the first are blessed and holy and will spend an eternity with Christ our Lord in Heaven. What a day that will be! The second is the resurrection of the damned, which is the second death. This term “second death” means eternal separation from God in a place of everlasting pain and torment in the lake of fire. This is for ever and ever and ever and ever and ever and ever—think about it. Is this where you want to go? If you don’t know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, ask Him to come into your heart right now. Then ask Him to help you to make Him the Lord of your Life! This is to be taken seriously—this is not a joke. Remember, we are all judged according to what we did and did not do for Christ.

Now, what happens after this is all over?

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. (Revelation 21:1)

This earth and the heaven that surrounds it—about 600 miles into the sky—will be destroyed. It has been said by many pastors that this present earth will be *renovated* by God. But the scriptures do not say that, it says that it will be destroyed.

. . . the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. (II Peter 3:10)

That does not sound like a *renovation*. The same God—and there is only one God—that made this present earth can replace it with a new one. With all the sin that has taken

place in this world, don't you think God would like to just destroy it?

Now, the new heaven and the new earth will be beautiful beyond description. The lake of fire will also be on the new earth.

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the **presence** of the holy angels, and in the **presence** of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for **ever** and **ever**: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and **whosoever** receiveth the mark of his name. (Revelation 14:9–11) (**Emphasis added.**)

The lake of fire will be on the new earth as an eternal reminder to anyone who might think that they would like to overthrow God like Satan tried to. They will be able to look down into the lake of fire and see Satan and those that followed him, and see what happened to them. This will probably make anyone think twice.

We serve an all-wise God. They will be there as a reminder, but we won't recognize any of our loved ones who didn't make it. Because God wipes them from our memory when he wipes away all tears—Revelation 7:17. But they will know us when we look down on them. That is part of their punishment. We will not communicate with them ever. We will not want to, because we will be holy and we will know them to be unholy and haters of our Lord.

Those of us that know the Lord as our savior have a great future to look forward to. Those of us who do not have a nightmare ahead of them. Ask yourself at this time, do you truly know the Lord Jesus as your savior? If not, why not? Eternity is forever.

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What Can We Do?

The primary concern that a person should have is whether or not he has accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior. That means that accepting him in not only the mind but the heart as well. The way to tell a true heart conversion is by the evidence of your many tears and the feeling of the Lord's presence deep within your soul. Jesus is the **only** way to escape hell. An eternity in Heaven with Christ will be an eternity of peace and joy. An eternity in hell will be an eternity of pain, misery, and utter torment.

The second concern should be to inform as many family members and friends as possible of the knowledge of how close the coming of the Lord is; and they themselves need to know Him as their Lord and Savior.

The third concern is to know the knowledge of God's Word from the Holy Bible. You should always remember that God's Word takes precedence over doctrines of man. Gain all the knowledge possible about the antichrist and the "Mark of the Beast." God's Word clearly states that you cannot accept the mark or give allegiance to the antichrist.

To do so means eternal damnation. Read Hosea 4:6, and remember it!

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because thou has rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, thou shalt be no priest to me; seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Appendix A

One of the “signs” leading to the mark of the beast is the U.N. changing to become the “Federation of Earth.” It will adopt a new constitution for the Federation of Earth. The U.S. will trash its constitution and become a member of the “Newstates of America.” When you see these things—the mark of the beast is at the door—Revelation 13:15–18. Do you think this can’t happen? Do you think that we’re a sovereign nation—that we have a democratic system—that your vote will always matter? Do you think you are “free?”

These are some of the existing national security executive orders that a president could legally exercise during a declared national emergency.

10995: The seizure of all print and electronic communications media in the United States

10997: The seizure of all electric power, fuels, and minerals, public and private

10998: The seizure of food supplies and resources, public and private, including farms and equipment

10999: The seizure of all means of transportation, including cars, trucks or any other vehicles, including control over highways, harbors, and waterways

11000: The seizure of all American people for work forces under federal supervision (allowing the government to split up families if they believe it necessary)

11001: The seizure of all health, education, and welfare facilities—public and private

11002: The registration of every citizen by the postmaster general for government service

11003: The seizure of all airports and aircraft

11004: The seizure of all housing and finance authorities; authority to establish forced relocation designated areas that must be abandoned as “unsafe”; the establishment of new locations for population groups; the building of new housing on public land

11005: The seizure of all railroads, inland waterways,

and storage warehouses, public and private

11051: The authorization of the Office of Emergency Planning to put the above orders into effect in times of increased international tension or financial crisis

In 1969, President Richard Nixon signed Executive Order 11490, which basically allows the president to suspend the Constitution and replace it with martial law and a legal dictatorship during a national emergency. Conservative writer Howard Ruff commented on the dangers to freedom and democracy that exist in the establishment of these extra-constitutional powers: “Executive Order 11490 is real, and only the lack of a crisis big enough, a president willing enough, and a public aroused enough to permit it to be invoked, separates us from a possible dictatorship, brought about under current law, waiting to be implemented in the event of circumstances which can be construed as a national emergency.”¹ The Y2K crisis could certainly constitute a national emergency and present a reason for the president to invoke at least some of the powers conferred on him by this series of executive orders. American freedom could be seriously imperiled as millions of computers across the country begin to fail, following midnight on New Year’s Day, 2000.

Another executive order (Executive Order EQ 11921), signed by President Gerald Ford, ordered the Federal Emergency Preparedness Agency (FEPA) to plan for the establishment of total energy, wages, salaries, credit, and currency flow from all American financial institutions during a future national emergency. This order gives the president control of the nation. Furthermore, the order declares that during the duration of the emergency, Congress cannot reassert political control nor even review the matter for *six months*. In 1977, President Jimmy Carter replaced FEPA with the expanded Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) which expanded these emergency powers.*

What do you think now?

Appendix B

12 Dimensional Levels of the Divine Order of Reality

In the late 1970s, while in the spirit the Lord was revealing to me that there were 12 Dimensional Levels of the Divine Order of Reality. At that time, I had not received the full understanding of this. As time went on—years went by—the Lord started dealing very strongly with me about having this understanding.

On January 19, 1992, because of much prayer and meditation in the Lord, I was in the spirit, and the Lord again brought this teaching to my mind. I was lead by the spirit to go to a friend's house—Rev. James Seeley. As I walked into his house, the spirit of the Lord came upon me and I started explaining the 12 Dimensional Levels of the Divine Order of Reality to him as fast as I could speak. To my surprise, when I stopped talking to breathe, the spirit of the Lord moved upon Brother James and he picked up where I left off. The understanding was still going through my mind while he was speaking. When he stopped talking to breathe, the spirit of the Lord moved back on me, and I picked up where James left off. While I was speaking the understanding kept flowing through James' mind. This continued until we had the full understanding of the 12 Dimensional Levels of the Divine Order of Reality.

At that time the Lord told me to put the understanding that we had just received in writing and to do it immediately because Satan was going to try to rob us of it. He said,

“Don’t analysis it or question anything about it until it is all in writing.” So, we did as the Lord commanded.

Now what you see here are the 12 Dimensional Levels and the Four Realms as we received them. What you don’t see is the color of each realm. The Lord gave me a color for each realm. The Divine Realm is purple. The Heavenly Realm is red. The Supernatural Realm is Green. And the Natural Realm is blue.

12 Dimensional Levels of the Divine Order of Reality		
12	THE FATHER (God)	 DIVINE REALM
11	JESUS (God)	
10	HOLY SPIRIT (God)	
9	DIVINE GIFTS & POWERS (Sons of God in a Universal Domain)	 HEAVENLY REALM
8	NEW JERUSALEM (Third Heaven, The Hosts of Heaven)	
7	TIME (Eternity, Past, Present, Future)	
6	HELL (Judgment)	 SUPERNATURAL REALM
5	ANGELIC REALM (Ministering Angels)	
4	SATAN’S DOMINION (Demonic Realm)	
3	MANKIND (Natural Realm of Reality)	 NATURAL REALM
2	ANIMAL KINGDOM (Instinct Reality)	
1	PLANT LIFE (Existence Reality)	