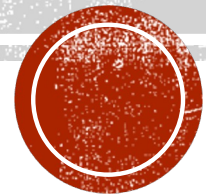


ESCHATOLOGY - WEEK 4 THE TRIBULATION PART 2: REV. 7-10 – JUDGMENT INTENSIFIES

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REVIEW

- **The Rapture** will be Worldwide, Unexpected and Instantaneous.
- All believers, both dead and alive, will be gathered together to meet Christ in the air, and will receive their glorified bodies during transit.
- Many Evangelicals believe the Rapture will occur **before** the 7–year Tribulation and will precipitate the end of restrained evil on earth. (2 Thess. 2:7)



REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK

- **Revelation 4** – The Throne Room in Heaven
 - 24 Elders
 - 4 Living Creatures
- **Revelation 5** – The Scroll and the Lamb
 - Christ alone is worthy, and the only source of salvation
 - Worship is our appropriate response
- **Revelation 6** – Seals 1-6 are Opened
 - The ‘Four Horsemen’ of the Apocalypse
 - Martyrs under the Altar in Heaven
 - Mankind’s response to the tribulation
 - Seal #6 brings cataclysmic impact to earth - Re-**READ** Rev. 6:12-14



TODAY

- **Revelation 7**
 - The Sealed
 - The Multitude
- **Revelation 8**
 - The Seventh Seal
 - Trumpet Judgments begin
- **Revelation 9**
 - Trumpet Judgments continue: The Three Woes
- **Revelation 10**
 - Interlude begins



REVELATION CHAPTER 7: THE SEALED

READ *Rev. 7:1-8* together

Interlude – The Sealed

- Four Angels holding back the wind
- Fifth Angel having the ‘seal’ of the Living God
- The infamous 144,000!! What does this mean?
- Possible Interpretations:
 - **Literal / Dispensationist View** - would hold that these are 144K Jews who will be protected supernaturally from future judgments, likely with the task of evangelizing the world.
 - **Symbolic / Covenantal View** – holds that these are symbolic numbers. In biblical numerology, 12 represents God’s People (12 tribes, 12 apostles) and 1,000 signifies completeness. Thus, this view is symbolic of the complete number of God’s people on earth at this time, both Jew and Gentile, all of them protected and appointed.



REVELATION CHAPTER 7: THE MULTITUDE

READ *Rev. 7:9-12* together

Interlude – The Great Multitude

- John sees an uncountable multitude before the throne, with great diversity!
 - They are wearing white robes, holding palm branches – clearly the REDEEMED
 - John beholds **worship** from the multitude *and* the heavenly host – “all the angels, the elders and the living creatures.”
 - **Elder** speaks to bring attention to the multitude, asking John ‘Who are they?’
 - **“These are they who have come out of the *great tribulation*; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”**



REVELATION CHAPTER 7: SUMMARY

- The revelation/vision of the events found in Rev. 7 follow very significant duress on earth.
- This chapter summarizes things that John is seeing that are visions, not events:
 - 144K sealed / protected as evangelists
 - A glimpse into heaven affirming that many will be saved during the ‘great tribulation’
 - The saved multitude is enjoying the presence of God, serving Him around His throne and in the Temple, and being shepherded by the Lamb at the center. NO MORE TEARS!!



REVELATION CHAPTER 8

READ *Rev. 8:1-5* together

THE SEVENTH SEAL

Silence in Heaven – 30 min – WOW!!?!

- Seven angels given seven trumpets
- Another angel, given a censer, incense, prayer of the saints
 - All offered up to God
- Angel then fills censer with fire from the altar and hurls it to the earth
 - Thunder, Lightning, Earthquake
- This final **SEVENTH SEAL** almost serves like an entrée into the next round of judgments, the **Trumpet Judgments**



Revelation 8: The Trumpets Judgments



REVELATION 8: THE TRUMPET JUDGMENTS

THE TRUMPET JUDGMENTS - **READ** *Rev. 8:6-13* together



Trumpet #1 – hail and fire mixed with blood hurled to the earth. 1/3 of the earth burned, 1/3 trees burned, all grass burned.

Trumpet #2 – something like a huge mountain, on fire, thrown into the sea. 1/3 of the sea turned to blood, 1/3 of sea creatures died, 1/3 ships destroyed.

Trumpet #3 – a great star, blazing like a torch, falls from the sky onto 1/3 of all fresh water. Star is named Wormwood, which means *bitterness*. 1/3 of waters turned bitter, many people die.

Trumpet #4 – 1/3 sun, moon and stars struck and turned dark. 1/3 of the day and night now without light.

Chapter 8 closes with a sobering announcement about the next 3 Trumpets...



REVELATION CHAPTER 9: THE THREE WOES

THE TRUMPET JUDGMENTS

Flying Eagle – flying across the earth, crying in a loud voice *“Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!”*

- Note that the last three Trumpet Judgments are also known as the Three Woes.

Trumpet #5 – a star falls from the sky to the earth, and is given the key to the Abyss. He opens the Abyss, and smoke emitted to darken the sun and sky.

- Locusts arise from out of the smoke, given power like a scorpion, given command to harm only those without the seal of God on their foreheads.
- This clearly looks back to the ‘sealed saints’ of God from Revelation chapter 7



REVELATION CHAPTER 9: THE THREE WOES

THE TRUMPET JUDGMENTS

- Locusts are given power to torture mankind for 5 months with the sting of a scorpion, but not to kill. Men will seek death but will not find it.
- These Locusts are described with great detail in Rev. 9:7-11.
- The King of the Locusts is called Abaddon (Hebrew) and Apollyon (Greek). This is the First Woe.

Trumpet #6 – when this trumpet is sounded, a voice from the horns of the altar to “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” These Four Angels have been kept for this very moment, have power to slay 1/3 of mankind. Angels accompanied by 200 million mounted troops.



REVELATION CHAPTER 9: THE THREE WOES

THE TRUMPET JUDGMENTS

Trumpet #6 – detailed description of the mounted troops is also given, in Rev. 9:17-19.

- The Heart of the Revelation is seen here: mankind *still* did not repent of their abominations. (Rev. 9:20,21)

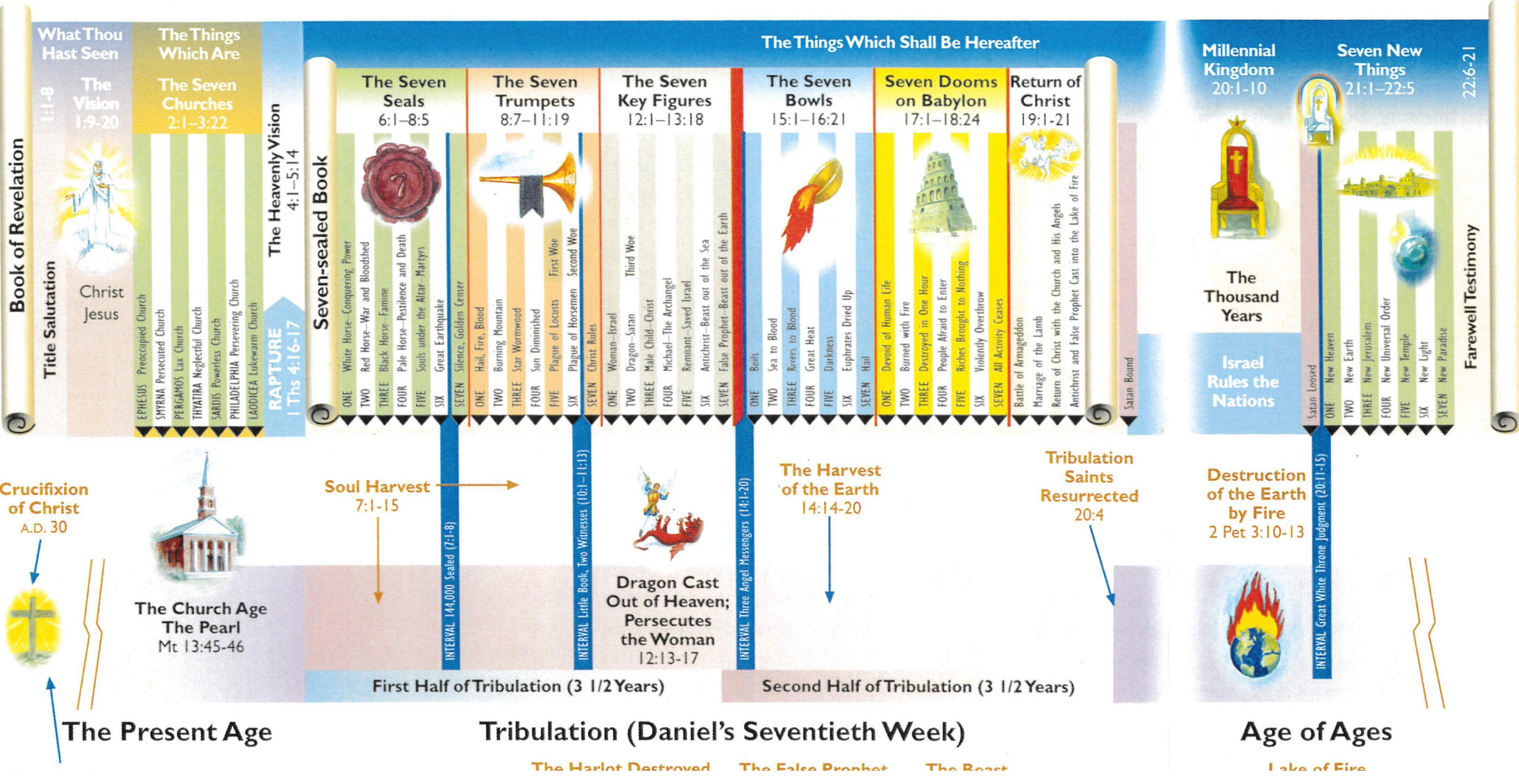
Interlude – Rev. 10-11 give a lengthy interruption to the sequential trumpet soundings.

The Angel and the Little Scroll – John now sees another image, of a mighty angel coming down from heaven.

- Clothed brilliantly, holding a small scroll in his open hand.
- Plants one foot on land, one on sea, and gives a loud shout.



John's Revelation of the Future



THE SCROLL AND THE LAMB



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REVELATION CHAPTER 10: INTERLUDE

THE TRUMPET JUDGMENTS

The Angel and the Little Scroll

- Upon shouting, the voices of the seven thunders spoke. John is cautioned to 'seal up' what he has recorded of their speaking.
- This *straddling* Angel then pronounces "No more delay!" (Rev.10:7)
- The Angel announces that the 7th Angel is about to sound his trumpet, and also that the 'mystery of God' is about to be accomplished.
- John now instructed to take the scroll that lay open in the angel's hand and eat it. It has a sweet taste but turns sour in his stomach. Now told that he will prophesy again.



SUMMARY

What should we learn?

- If there is a literal 7-year tribulation, the Revelation is very clear that many will be saved during this time.
- Trumpet Judgments will certainly increase the intensity of God's wrath upon the earth.
- God would still prefer repentance from mankind.

Questions?



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- **Chart 02 – The First Half**

