

# Revelation and the End Times

Unraveling the Prophetic Timeline  
in the Book of the Revelation

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May YHWH's name be glorified in all the earth.

In Yeshua's name,

Amein.

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## Preface:

No two people alive agree on everything, particularly when it comes to end time prophecy. Prophecy is also not given to us so that we can look ahead and know the future, but so that when events come to pass, we can have a confirmation of our faith.

We hope you enjoy our study, and we encourage you to examine this study carefully, and test everything carefully according to your own copy of the Scriptures. We do not ask that you believe anything because we say it, but we ask that you please join us in learning and growing more of His word together. We would like to think of this as a “living study,” which will change and grow as our Creator Yahweh (sometimes called “Jehovah”) shows us more.

Our goal in this study was to learn how the end times play out. Once we meet the cast of characters, we will try to explain the timeline in the Book of the Revelation, and show how various end-time prophecies relate to it. We will also break out other topics into their own separate chapters.

Yahweh revealed some new information that builds on what we had learned in *The Post-Millennial Return* study, but since we are approaching the subject from a completely different angle, it seemed that it merited a new title as well.

Sometimes people ask what version of the Scriptures I use. Normally I start with the New King James Version (NKJV) as a base, and then correct the names and terms to the Hebraic forms. My reason for this is simply

that the NKJV is easy to read, and I can copy and paste electronically (which reduces error, and saves time). Whenever the NKJV does not give the needed information, I refer to the source languages.

Studies such as this one often refer to the source texts (i.e., Hebrew, Aramaic, or Greek). For the Hebrew I normally use the Masoretic Text (MT). We know it was altered by the Masoretes (Karaite scribes) in the Middle Ages, but it is the best thing that presently exists. For the Renewed Covenant (“New” Testament) I like to use the Peshitta Aramaic, but this is not always practicable. As we show elsewhere, the Peshitta is most likely a backward translation from the Greek, and since the Greek is older, it is often better for textual analysis. Text is copied electronically from PC Study Bible 5, BibleWorks 8, and from the Hebrew Masoretic Text.

I am always looking to improve my studies. If you have constructive suggestions or spot any errors, please write me at [servants@nazareneisrael.org](mailto:servants@nazareneisrael.org). May Yahweh bless you for proving all things.





Shalom.

Assembly	Ephesus	Smyrna	Pergamos	Thyatira
<b>Seals</b> Seals take time to play out.	<b>1 Seal</b> White horse (Papacy, UN/URI) NOW	<b>2 Seal</b> Red horse (Marxism Socialism)	<b>3 Seal</b> Black Horse (Capitalism Bilderberg, Fed)	<b>4 Seal</b> Green/Grey Dappled Horse (Islam, and Islamic terror)
<b>Trumpets</b> Trumpets take time to play out. Destruction by 1/3. (7 years?)	<b>1 Trump</b> Hail, fire and blood. 1/3 trees all green grass burned up	<b>2 Trump</b> Mountain cast into sea 1/3 sea becomes blood, 1/3 ships, living	<b>3 Trump</b> Wormwood Great star falls from heaven, 1/3 of the waters become wormwood. Many men die	<b>4 Trump</b> 1/3 sun struck, 1/3 moon, 1/3 day not shine
<b>Insets</b> (adds information) Describes Israel, two beasts, Lamb, 144,000, Babylon.	<b>Chapter 12</b> (inset) Woman (Israel) flees 3.5 years	<b>Chapter 13</b> (inset) Describes the beasts from sea (same as four/five beasts of Daniel)	<b>Chapter 13</b> (inset) describes the beast from the land (UN/URI)	<b>Chapter 14</b> (inset) Lamb and 144,000 on Mount Tzion, and also before the throne
<b>Cups/Bowl</b> Happen all at once. Destruction nearly total. "Day of Yahweh?"	<b>1 Cup</b> Sores on men who worship the beast	<b>2 Cup</b> Sea becomes blood. All sea creatures die	<b>3 Cup</b> Rivers and fountains of water become blood.	<b>4 Cup</b> Men burned with great heat from sun.
<b>(Ch. 17, 18 inset)</b> Wedding Feast, Satan bound, Millennium	<b>Chapter 17</b> (inset) Describes Babylon (RCC and her daughters)	<b>Chapter 18</b> (inset) Babylon is fallen in one hour	<b>19.11</b> Yeshua's return. Armageddon (= Wedding Feast?) Same time frame as Seventh Trumpet?	<b>19.17</b> Armageddon = Gog 1 = Wedding Feast. Ephraim is married Hosea 2:20
Millennium (1,000 years). Tanach prophecies play out.				
End of Millennium and the New Earth	<b>20.7</b> Satan Released. Gog 2. Devil cast into Lake of Fire	<b>20.11</b> White Throne Judgment	<b>21</b> New Earth Renewed Jerusalem as a bride	

Non-shaded areas belong to the timeline.

Shaded areas give details "inset" into the timeline.

Sardis	Philadelphia	(not used)	Laodicea
<b>5 Seal</b> More have to die before the blood of the martyrs will be avenged.	<b>6 Seal</b> Quake, stars fall, sun black, moon blood, heaven departs	<b>Sealing of 144,000</b> protected against trumpets	<b>7 Seal</b> Silence in heaven ½ hour Introduces trumpets
<b>5 Trump</b> Figurative star (Satan?) falls to earth, opens pit, plague all but the sealed 5 months. <b>WOE 1</b>	<b>6 Trump</b> 200 million man army kills 1/3 men. (Seven thunders take place, are sealed up) <b>WOE 2</b>	<b>2 Witnesses</b> Outer Court of anti-messiah's temple trodden underfoot 42 months. Two Witnesses die, are resurrected.	<b>Trumpet 7</b> Earthquake. Heaven departs like scroll (nuke?) Reign of YHWH begins. <b>WOE 3</b>
<b>14.7</b> (inset) Hour of Judgment	<b>14.8</b> (inset) Bavel fallen (in heaven? Plays out in 18)	<b>14.13</b> (inset) Blessed are those who die in YHWH from now on.	<b>14.14</b> (inset) Son of Man on cloud, with sickle. Earth reaped (at the end of the age)
<b>5 Cup</b> poured on the beast's throne.	<b>6 Cup</b> Euphrates dried up. 3 unclean spirits like frogs are seen.	<b>16.16</b> Men gather for Armageddon	<b>7 Cup</b> Big quake. Jerusalem divided. Islands flee, mountains not found.
<b>19.20</b> Beast (UN/Pope) and False Prophet (Mohammed) into Lake of Fire (false religions)	<b>20.1</b> Satan Bound 1,000 years. Millennium begins.	<b>20.4-6</b> First Resurrection. (Spiritual resurrection.)	<b>Millennium</b> Tanach prophecies play out. (Second Exodus?)
Millennium (1,000 years). Tanach Prophecies play out			

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<b>Seals</b> 	The first four seals release forces. White = Christianity Red = Marxism, Black = secular capitalism, Green = Islam			
<b>Trumpets</b> 	The trumpets represent the tribulation (per se) They last for 7 years The first four trumpets are not woes. They speak in symbolism of destruction that may be spiritual, and may be literal.			
<b>Thunders</b> 	The 7 thunders are part of trumpet 6 (woe #2). We do not know exactly what takes place as part of the 7 thunders, because they are sealed up. The 7 thunders take place during the second half of the tribulation period, which is the time of Jacob's Trouble.			
Chapters 12 thru 14 are inset into (or "overlaid onto") the timeline. They bring in additional details (and additional themes) that help us to understand the storyline better. The key is to see where they intersect with the timeline, and most inset chapters can be matched up to the timeline at certain points (e.g., trumpet 7)				
<b>Cups/Bowl</b> 	Trumpet 7 opens/introduces the cups. The cups may take 30 days to play out. These are "the cups of wrath." The cups of wrath may be filled with the blood of the saints, who are killed in the tribulation (and especially the time of Jacob's trouble). The cups will be poured out on Gog at Armageddon.			
Chapters 17 and 18 are inset into the timeline, and describe the harlot (Catholic Church) and the harvests, respectively. Chapter 19 is Armageddon (which is the wedding feast. It is also Gog 1 / Ezekiel 39)				
Millennium (1,000 years). Tanach prophecies play out. Yeshua in heaven.				
New heavens and new earth (ad infinitum)				

Shaded areas represent "inset" chapters, which provide more information.  
 Non-shaded areas represent the storyline, or the "timeline."

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<b>Seal 5</b> More have to die before the martyrs will be avenged.	<b>Seal 6</b> Quake, stars fall, sun black, moon blood, heaven departs like a scroll (possible nuke)	<b>144,000</b> are sealed, to protect them against the trumpets.	<b>Seal 7</b> Silence in heaven ½ hour, possibly while the NWO is set up. Introduces the trumpets.
<b>Trumpet 5</b> Locusts plague all but the 144k 5 months <b>WOE 1</b>	<b>Trumpet 6</b> 200 million man army kills 1/3 men. 7 thunders take place, but are sealed up) <b>WOE 2</b>	<b>2 Witnesses.</b> Outer Court of anti-messiah's temple trodden underfoot 42 months. Two Witnesses die, are resurrected.	<b>Trumpet 7</b> Earthquake is social change. Heaven departs like scroll (nuke?) Reign of YHWH begins. <b>WOE 3</b>
7 Thunders are a part of Seal 6.			
(Shaded area)			
Cups are Yahweh's judgment.		<b>3 unclean spirits like frogs</b> come out of the mouth of the beast, the false prophet, and the dragon (i.e., Satan), and they marshal the world's armies to Armageddon	<b>7 Cup</b> Big quake (social change). Jerusalem divided. Islands (national borders) flee, mountains (governments) are not found.
Chapter 19 is when Yeshua returns with His saints, to smite the armies of the world at Armageddon (Har Megiddo), which is also Gog 1 (Ezekiel 39). This is also the wedding feast. He then takes His bride back up to heaven.			
Millennium (1,000 years). Tanach Prophecies play out. Yeshua in heaven.			
New heavens and new earth (ad infinitum)			

## A Big Picture Overview of Revelation

I was saved in 1999, and Yahweh brought me into the Messianic understanding that same year. Like many others, I waited for the end of civilization at midnight, on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1999, and waited also for the rapture/harpazo in the year 2000. When it did not come I waited for it again in 2001, and then in 2002; but after the Islamic attacks on the Twin Towers on September 11, 2001, I realized my understanding of Revelation and the end times was wrong, and that I needed to study the matter out some more.

As I began reading with a mind that was open to new possibilities, and new ways of understanding the prophecies contained in Revelation, Yahweh (“Jeh-vah”) began to show me new things. However, when I first learned of them I was very surprised, because they seemed to go against everything I had been taught prior to that. At first I did not want to accept them, but then upon reading and re-reading the passages again and again, a new picture began to emerge before me.

I had always been taught that Yeshua (“J-sus”) was going to be here on earth in bodily form during the final thousand years of earth’s history (the *millennium*). However, in 2002 I began seeing some passages that showed how Israel will have human leadership during the millennium. We will look at those passages in a little while, but what stood out in my mind was how it made no sense that Israel would have human leaders during the millennium, if Yeshua was here, because that would require Yeshua to share His power and glory with human beings.

***Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 42:8-9***

***8 I am Yahweh, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images.***

We know that at one level, Yahweh the Father is greater than Yeshua is.

***Yochanan (John) 14:28-29***

***28 “You have heard Me say to you, ‘I am going away and coming back to you.’ If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, ‘I am going to the Father,’ for My Father is greater than I.”***

Yet at another level we know that Yeshua is Yahweh, and so it makes no sense that He will share His glory with a man.

***Yochanan (John) 14:9-10***

***9 Yeshua said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”***

But if Yeshua will not share His glory with a man, then what do we do about the “prince” of the millennial temple? Ezekiel 40-46 speaks of a temple which has not yet been built. In it, Israel’s “prince” will offer up sin sacrifices for himself, and all of the people.

***Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 45:22***

***22 And on that day the prince shall prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bull for a sin offering.***

Many people say this prince is Yeshua: but if Yeshua was sinless, then why would He offer a sin sacrifice for Himself?

Let us also consider that the prince of Ezekiel's temple will have sons. Is that Yeshua?

**Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 46:16**

**16 'Thus says Yahweh Elohim: "If the prince gives a gift of some of his inheritance to any of his sons, it shall belong to his sons; it is their possession by inheritance.**

Does it make sense that an immortal Yeshua will take an earthly wife, and bear earthly sons? And if not, then who is the prince mentioned in Ezekiel?

And if the prince mentioned in Ezekiel is not Yeshua, then does it make sense that the Conquering King can be physically here on earth at the same time as this prince? Wouldn't that require Yeshua to have to share some of His glory with him?

Another issue was that Yeshua ascended to heaven in the clouds, and Scripture tells us that He will return in the same manner as He left.

**Ma'asei (Acts) 1:9-11**

**9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.**

**10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel,**

**11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Yeshua, who was taken up from you into**

**heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."**

So if Yeshua will return in the clouds, who is "David their king," whom Yahweh plans to "raise up" to rule over Israel at the end of the time of Jacob's trouble?

**Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 30:7-10**

**7 "Alas! For that day is great, So that none is like it; And it is the time of Jacob's trouble, But he shall be saved out of it.**

**8 'For it shall come to pass in that day,' Says Yahweh of hosts, 'That I will break his yoke from your neck, And will burst your bonds; Foreigners shall no more enslave them.**

**9 But they shall serve Yahweh their Elohim, And David their king, Whom I will raise up for them."**

Also, who is "their leader" who comes "from among them"? And who is "their governor" who comes "from their midst"?

**Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 30:21-22**

**21 "Their leader shall be from among them, And their governor shall come from their midst; Then I will cause him to draw near, And he shall approach Me; For who is this who pledged his heart to approach Me?" says Yahweh.**

These cannot be Yeshua, because Yeshua will return in the clouds.

Also, who is it that Hoshea 1:11 tells us the two houses will "appoint" for their leader?

**Hoshea (Hosea) 1:11-2:1**

**11 Then the children of Judah and the children of Israel Shall be gathered together, And appoint for themselves one head; And they shall come up out of the land, For great will be the day of Jezre'el!**

The term for “appoint” here is “sim” (put). So when the two houses “put” a single leader for themselves, doesn’t this speak of an election? Surely this cannot be the Conquering King, because when He comes in the clouds, will we hold an election? (And why would He care?)

When Yahweh first began to show me these things, I had a hard time understanding how they fit with some other prophecies. For example, Psalms 2 tells us that Yahweh will give Yeshua a rod of iron, with which to dash the nations to pieces.

**Tehillim (Psalms) 2:7-9**

**7 "I will declare the decree: Yahweh has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.**

**8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.**

**9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."**

Later Yahweh showed me Revelation 2:26-27, which tells us that while Yeshua will receive a rod of iron from His Father, Yeshua will then turn and give it to His body (Israel) here on earth, so that Israel can dash the nations to pieces for Him (as His body).

**Hitgalut (Revelation) 2:26-27**

**26 And he who overcomes (i.e., Israel), and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations —**

**27 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels' — as I also have received from My Father;**

There are many times when Yahweh says He will do something, and then He has His people Israel do it. For example, Yahweh said He would destroy Amalek.

**Shemote (Exodus) 17:14-15**

**14 Then Yahweh said to Moshe, "Write this for a memorial in the book and recount it in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven."**

Yahweh then commanded His body/army (Israel) to go and blot out Amalek.

**Devarim (Deuteronomy) 25:19**

**19 "Therefore it shall be, when Yahweh your Elohim has given you rest from your enemies all around, in the land which Yahweh your Elohim is giving you to possess as an inheritance, that you will blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. You shall not forget."**

So who smote Amalek? Yahweh did, but He used Israel to do it. This is in just the same way as King David might say he would go and smite the Philistines, but then he would send Joab.



Another question was about how the “saints” will rule and reign for a thousand years, with Yeshua.

***Hitgalut (Revelation) 20:4-6***

***4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Yeshua and for the word of Elohim, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Messiah for a thousand years.***

***5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.***

***6 Blessed and set-apart is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of Elohim and of Messiah, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.***

As we will show later, this ruling and reigning does not take place here on earth, but takes place in the throne room in heaven.

One of the reasons Revelation is so hard to understand is that parts of it are sequential (and play out in a general “timeline”), while other parts are “inset” into (or “overlaid onto”) the timeline, giving additional details. These insets/overlays overlap each other, and also overlap the timeline, so in essence there are a number of different threads/thoughts that all weave together.

Leaving the insets/overlays aside for the moment, the timeline sequence (i.e., the “story”) progresses along these general lines (we are at seal 5 now):

1. **Seals 1-5.** Seals 1-4 release forces that interact with each other, “setting the stage” for the rest of the story. Seal 5 gives us more information, while seal 6 is where the real action begins.
2. **Seal 6** seems to be a nuclear crisis in the Middle East, which serves as the catalyst for the New World Order to come together. At seal 6 we expect the UN to be brought to full power, and Jerusalem to be given to the papacy, such that the pope builds an “interfaith temple” with other Christians, and also Muslims and Jews, such that all of the religions of the world can be expected to worship together in peace.
3. **Seal 7** is a time of relative quiet, while the UN and the interfaith temple (i.e., the anti-messiah’s temple) are being established, and people get used to the idea of the importance of a united one-world religion.
4. **The trumpets** will probably last 7 years. This is the tribulation (per se).
5. **Jacob’s trouble** is the last 3.5 years of the tribulation period. As we will see, this is when the daily sacrifice in the interfaith temple is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up. This is when the persecution of the faithful begins in earnest, and those who do not accept the mark of the beast (i.e., the new UN religion) are killed. (As we will see, the tribulation and the time of Jacob’s trouble will be global, but we also expect them to be far more intense inside the land of Israel, than outside the land.)
6. **Trumpet 7** is when Babylon falls, and when Yahweh’s kingdom is established here on earth. However, there will be much tumult, and it will take some time for Yahweh’s kingdom to be fully realized. Trumpet 7 opens the cup judgments.

7. **The cup judgments** last for perhaps 30 days. This is a time of intense devastation, which may include widespread nuclear war, but again we expect the devastation to be far worse in the land of Israel than outside of it.
8. **Armageddon** takes place perhaps 45 days after the cup judgments. As we will see, this is also Gog 1 (Ezekiel 39), and as un-intuitive as it may sound, it is also the wedding feast (Hosea 2:14-23). This is when Yeshua will return in the clouds (revelation 19:11).
9. **The Harpazo/Rapture.** As we will see, there is actually more than one harpazo/rapture. At this time we are not sure if there are only two, or three (or perhaps more). However, it is clear that in order for the saints to return with Yeshua (e.g., Zechariah 14), first they have to go to be with Yeshua. If Yeshua brings any saints with Him when He comes at Armageddon, they may include the souls of those who were raised in the first century, when those who slept in the dust arose (e.g., Matthew 27:52). Those who go with Him at Armageddon will rule and reign with Him for a thousand years, in the throne room in heaven (Revelation 20:4-6).
10. **The Elect/Chosen** cannot be “raptured out,” because the tribulation is cut short for their sake (e.g., Mark 13:20). They will not go straight back to the land of Israel, but will come from all four directions to the “wilderness of the nations,” where Yahweh Himself will set them in order (see reference to Ezekiel 20:33-38, below).
11. **The Millennium** is a thousand year period of relative prosperity and peace. While Satan will be locked in the pit, his minions (i.e., the fallen angels/messengers) may still be on the loose, so there may still be wars to fight. This is when

Yeshua will rule over the nations with His rod of iron (vicariously, through His body, Israel).

12. **Gog 2** takes place after the millennium. Satan is released from his pit, and marshals all of the armies of the world to battle against Israel. Yeshua returns at this time, and again defeats Gog (Ezekiel 38), bringing His saints with Him. The earth may be destroyed at this time.
13. **White Throne Judgment.** Once the earth is destroyed, we go to the white throne judgment.
14. **New Earth.** Those of the “first resurrection” (i.e., anyone who is found worthy, in whichever harpazo) goes on to the new earth. The new earth is beyond the scope of this study.

Revelation is a vision, and the language is highly symbolic. As we progress through this study, we will see that the “earthquakes” in Revelation are symbolic of societal change. “Mountains” represent government systems, and “islands” represent national boundaries. At trumpet 7, when Yahweh’s government is declared, and Babylon falls, every “island” (national border) will flee away, and no “mountains” (governments) will be found.

#### ***Hitgalut (Revelation) 16:20***

***20 Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.***

What this speaks of is a time of tremendous upheaval, such that the world has never seen before. We know that Yahweh will provide for His people, but if you have assets, you might want to pray about converting them to a mobile form (e.g., gold, silver, canned food), and to be prepared to take care of your family and fellowship, come what may, in the absence of government protection.

When Yahweh calls us home, we will come from all four directions to a place Yahweh calls “the wilderness of the nations.” He will speak with us there, face to face, just as He spoke with our forefathers in the wilderness of Sinai, and re-establish His order at that time.

**Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 20:33-38**

**33 "As I live," says Yahweh Elohim, "surely with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out, I will rule over you.**

**34 I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out.**

**35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will plead My case with you face to face.**

**36 Just as I pleaded My case with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will plead My case with you," says Yahweh Elohim.**

**37 "I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;**

**38 I will purge the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the country where they dwell, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am Yahweh."**

Some also draw parallels with Hoshea 2:14-20

**Hoshea (Hosea) 2:14-23**

**14 'Therefore, behold, I will allure her, Will bring her into the wilderness, And speak comfort to her.**

**15 I will give her her vineyards from there, And the Valley of Achor as a door of hope; She shall sing there, As in the days of her youth, As in the day when she came up from the land of Egypt.**

**16 "And it shall be, in that day," Says Yahweh, "That you will call Me 'My Man' ('Ishi'),' And no longer call Me "My Lord" ('My Ba'al),'**

**17 For I will take from her mouth the names of the Ba'als, And they shall be remembered by their name no more.**

**18 In that day I will make a covenant for them With the beasts of the field, With the birds of the air, And with the creeping things of the ground. Bow and sword of battle I will shatter from the earth, To make them lie down safely.**

**19 "I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me In righteousness and justice, In loving kindness and mercy;**

**20 I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, And you shall know Yahweh.**

**21 "It shall come to pass in that day That I will answer," says Yahweh; "I will answer the heavens, And they shall answer the earth.**

**22 The earth shall answer With grain, With new wine, And with oil; They shall answer Jezre'el.**

**23 Then I will sow her for Myself in the earth, And I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy; Then I will say to those who were not My people, 'You are My people!' And they shall say, 'You are my Elohim!'"**

We all see through a glass darkly, and our studies do change from time to time, as Yahweh reveals more. However, again, it might be wise to pray about the ability to provide for oneself, one's family and fellows in

the face of overwhelming change, and in the absence of any government protection, while relocating to a place we don't even know where it is yet.

There are many reasons Yahweh might put His people through trials and hardships. One reason might be to know who will really follow Him, even when the going gets rough. Another reason is to help strengthen us, and to get us to pull together as a nation.

My prayer is that this study will help you, your family, and your fellows come closer to Yahweh, that we may all serve Him better, and be more conformed to the image and likeness of His Son.

In the dispersion,

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## The Timeline and the Assemblies

Revelation can be divided into two main components, the timeline, and the insets. The *timeline* is basically the storyline. It “tells the story” sequentially, with one event playing on the heels of the next one. However, sometimes when one tells a story, you get to a point where you have to say, “Before I can continue, first I have to tell you what happened before.” These asides are the *insets*. They are information that is “set into” (or “overlaid onto”) the timeline, providing a lot more information. These insets also tell different themes of the great drama that is Revelation, such that a great and majestic tapestry is woven together, tied together at certain points (such as trumpet 7).

The seven assemblies are inset into the timeline. There are many different ideas about what these seven assemblies represent (from literal assemblies, to seven spirits that inhabit various different types of believers). Some of them do not suffer tribulation, (perhaps because they have already chosen to refine themselves for Him), while others suffer tribulation and even die. Some scholars theorize that this may be because Elohim loves them, and knows they need to be refined more, before He can give them the best reward He can. (Either way, all those who die in Him receive a great reward.)

### ***Hitgalut (Revelation) 1-22 (all)***

***1:1 The Revelation of Yeshua Messiah, which Elohim gave Him to show His servants — things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His messenger to His servant Yochanan (John),***

**2 who bore witness to the word of Elohim, and to the testimony of Yeshua Messiah, to all things that he saw.**

**3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.**

**4 Yochanan (John), to the seven assemblies which are in Asia:**

**Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,**

**5 and from Yeshua Messiah, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.**

**To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,**

**6 and has made us kings and priests to His Elohim and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amein.**

**7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him.**

**And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amein.**

The "tribes of the earth" might refer to non-Israelites around the world, or it might refer to the tribes of Israel (which are dispersed around the world). If it is the latter, this may also link to Zechariah 12:10, where our Jewish brothers and sisters will mourn on account of Him whom they have pierced.

**Zechariah 12:10-11**

**10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn**

**for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.**

In verse 9, Yochanan says he is our companion in tribulation, which some take as meaning there has been tribulation since the first century. However, as we will see later, the trumpets are "the" tribulation (per se).

**Hitgalut (Revelation) 1:8-11**

**8 "I am the Aleph and the Tav, the Beginning and the End," says Yahweh, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."**

**9 I, Yochanan, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Yeshua Messiah, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of Elohim and for the testimony of Yeshua Messiah.**

**10 I was in the Spirit on Yahweh's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, 11 saying, "I am the Aleph and the Tav, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven assemblies which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."**

The seven assemblies are all located in modern-day Turkey, where the (Islamic) Turkish Ottoman Empire is prophesied to be re-established. (We give more details in later chapters.)

**12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands,**

**13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a**

**garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.**

**14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;**

**15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;**

**16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.**

**17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.**

**18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.**

**19 Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.**

**20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the messengers of the seven assemblies, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven assemblies.**

Those in Ephesus test all things. They are patient, and work for Him without becoming weary. They hate evil, and they hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans. The word "Nicolaitan" translates to "victory over the laity." Some scholars believe this represents a "dictatorial" church, in which the sheep follow leadership blindly. Yeshua says they have left their first love, which may be to say that they no longer really follow Him.

**2:1 "To the messenger of the assembly of Ephesus write, 'These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:**

**2 "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars;**

**3 and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.**

**4 Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love (Yahweh/Yeshua).**

**5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place — unless you repent.**

**6 But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.**

**7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of Elohim."**

Other scholars identify the Nicolaitans as the followers of Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch who advocated Gnosticism and syncretism (i.e., mixing pagan worship with the faith in Yeshua). He is mentioned in Acts 6:5.

**Ma'asei (Acts) 6:5-6**

**5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Set-apart Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus,**

***Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch,  
6 whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.***

[It is ironic that traditional Christianity should condemn Gnosticism and syncretism, since Christianity is itself a mixture of sun-worship and lawless beliefs.]

Those in Smyrna work. Although they dwell in physical poverty, they have great spiritual riches. They suffer tribulation, and some even die, and yet Yeshua tells them that if they will be faithful unto death, He will give them the crown of life. This has been the fate of many Christians in predominantly Muslim nations, thus showing us that not only Nazarene-Messianics (but also Christians) are prophesied of in Revelation.

***8 "And to the messenger of the assembly in Smyrna write,***

***'These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:***

***9 "I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.***

***10 Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.***

***11 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death."***

Traditional scholarship tells us this may be a reference to Polycarp, who was the bishop at Smyrna. He was a Christian martyred in 166 CE. Traditional scholarship also attributes the ten days of persecution to the ten years of affliction that all of the assemblies in Asia suffered under the Roman Emperor Diocletian.

Pergamos calls to mind any number of Christian and Messianic assemblies. Those in Pergamos do well, holding fast to His name, and not denying the faith even in the face of death. However, they hold to the doctrine of Balaam, who altered Yahweh's message for money. They also allow those who practice sexually immoral behavior into their assemblies, and they eat things sacrificed to idols (e.g., communion given to honor IHS [Isis, Horus, and Seb]). Some also hold to the doctrine of the Nicolaitans ("victory over the laity", or the Gnosticism/syncretism many practice).

***12 "And to the messenger of the assembly in Pergamos write,***

***'These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword:***

***13 "I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.***

***14 But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.***

**15 Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.**

**16 Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.**

**17 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it."**

In a later chapter we will see more information on Satan's throne, and how it may be re-established either in Turkey, or on the Temple Mount (in Jerusalem).

Thyatira also calls to mind a number of mainstream Christian and Messianic assemblies. They have works, love, service, faith, and patience. Their works also get better over time. Nonetheless, they allow the woman Jezebel (who calls herself a prophetess) to teach His people to commit sexual immorality, and to eat things sacrificed to idols (crosses, hexagrams, IHS, etc.). [In *Covenant Relationships* we explain that sexual immorality also includes wrongful divorce.]

**18 "And to the messenger of the assembly in Thyatira write, 'These things says the Son of Elohim, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:**

**19 "I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.**

**20 Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and**

**seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.**

**21 And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.**

**22 Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.**

**23 I will kill her children with death, and all the assemblies shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.**

**24 "Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden.**

**25 But hold fast what you have till I come.**

The name Israel (ישראל) is often interpreted to mean, the "upright ones of Elohim," or "the overcomers of Elohim." Yeshua tells us "he who overcomes" (Israel) will be given power over the nations, and they will rule them with the rod Yeshua receives from His father.

**26 And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations —**

**27 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels' —**

**as I also have received from My Father;**

**28 and I will give him the morning star.**

**29 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies."**

In Psalms 2, Yahweh tells Yeshua that He will dash the nations to pieces, like potter's vessels.



**Tehillim (Psalms) 2:7-9**

**7 "I will declare the decree:**

**Yahweh has said to Me,**

**'You are My Son,**

**Today I have begotten You.**

**8 Ask of Me, and I will give You**

**The nations for Your inheritance,**

**And the ends of the earth for Your possession.**

**9 You shall break them with a rod of iron;**

**You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."**

Notice, if Yahweh gives Yeshua a rod, and Yeshua gives the rod to His body in turn (verses 26-27, above), then Yeshua does not need to be physically present in order to dash the nations to pieces (as His body can do it for Him). We will discuss this in more detail later.

The assembly in Sardis reminds one of an assembly in which the people have no personal relationship with Yeshua, or the Spirit. Those in Sardis claim to be alive, but they are dead (they are not filled with His Spirit). Nonetheless, some in Sardis will yet walk with Him in white, because they are worthy.

**3:1 "And to the messenger of the assembly in Sardis write, 'These things says He who has the seven Spirits of Elohim and the seven stars: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.**

**2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before Elohim.**

**3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if**

**you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.**

**4 You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.**

**5 He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His messengers.**

**6 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies."**

Those in Philadelphia are dedicated. They have works, they have kept His word, and they have not denied His name. Yeshua promises to keep them from the hour of trial that shall come upon the whole world, because they have persevered in doing what is right. As we will see, there are many parallels to the 144,000, who we will see are protected against the tribulations that come upon the world during the trumpets (and in fact, they may well be the same group).

**7 "And to the messenger of the assembly in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is set apart, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens":**

**8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.**

**9 Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie — indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.**

**10 Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.**

Why does Yeshua keep those in Philadelphia from the hour of trial, which tests those who dwell on the earth? It may be that Yahweh does not need to prove them through trials, because they have already proven themselves by their faith, prior to the tribulation.

We will see that Revelation 13 tells us “all” men must either take the mark of the beast, or be killed; yet some men do not take this mark, and are nonetheless protected. Could those with the Philadelphia spirit be those who are protected?

**11 Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.**

**12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My Elohim, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My Elohim and the name of the city of My Elohim, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My Elohim. And I will write on him My new name.**

**13 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies."**

Laodicea lies near Philadelphia. In ancient times it was a rich town, having a strong trade in fine wool. The town was destroyed by an earthquake in 62 DC, and the citizens were able to rebuild it without any help from the state. However, their wealth led them to be very self-satisfied, thinking they needed nothing. This self-satisfaction may be why Yeshua calls them lukewarm.

Laodicea means, “The people rule.” This may be the opposite of the Nicolaitan spirit (“victory over the laity”). It may refer to the spirit that is very common in the Messianic world, where the people do not wish either to recognize or follow those Yahweh has called to lead His people.

**14 "And to the messenger of the assembly of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amein, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of Elohim:**

**15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.**

**16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.**

**17 Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' — and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked —**

**18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.**

**19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.**

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

**21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.**

**22 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.""**

In verse 20, the reference to hearing His voice, opening the door and inviting Him in to dine is the same concept as the indwelling of the Spirit mentioned in John 15.

**Yochanan (John) 15:4**

**4 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me."**

In Revelation 4:1, Yochanan tells us of a "door standing open in heaven," and in 4:2 we are told that Yochanan is "in the Spirit." These give us a "hint" (remez) that what we are seeing is a vision, and that we should not expect the physical fulfillment of the vision to look exactly how the vision looks.

**4:1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."**

**2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.**

**3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.**

**4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.**

**5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of Elohim.**

**6 Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.**

**7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.**

The four living creatures parallel those in Ezekiel 10:14.

**8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Qodesh, qodesh, qodesh, Yahweh Elohim Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"**

**9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:**

**11 "You are worthy, O Yahweh, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."**

With the opening of the scroll, the timeline begins. We know the events here are highly symbolic, as Yeshua is depicted as a Lion in verse 5, and then as a Lamb with seven horns and seven eyes in verse 6. It would be ridiculous to expect these verses to play out on earth

as they read on the page. However, some suggest these events may play out literally in heaven.

**5:1 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.**

**2 Then I saw a strong messenger proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"**

**3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.**

**4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.**

**5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."**

**6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of Elohim sent out into all the earth.**

**7 Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.**

**8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.**

**9 And they sang a new song, saying:**

**"You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to Elohim by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,**

**10 And have made us kings and priests to our Elohim; and we shall reign on the earth."**

It is important to note that verse 10 tells us we shall reign on the earth (rather than in heaven). This agrees with Yeshua, who says the tribulation will be shortened for the sake of the elect (who remain on earth).

**Mattityahu (Matthew) 24:21-22**

**22 "And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened."**

Also, verse 9 tells us that those who will reign on the earth will be chosen from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. These verses are reminiscent of the second exodus of Deuteronomy 30:1-6, which tells us that the believers will be called back to the land of Israel from the farthest corners of the earth.

**Devarim (Deuteronomy) 30:4-6**

**4 If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there Yahweh your Elohim will gather you, and from there He will bring you.**

**5 Then Yahweh your Elohim will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers.**

**6 And Yahweh your Elohim will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.**

Later we will see evidence that the ingathering may take place after the Battle of Armageddon, which takes place after the tribulation is complete, during what is

popularly called "the Millennium" (the final 1,000 years of earth's history).

***11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many messengers around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,***

***12 saying with a loud voice:***

***"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"***

***13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying:***

***"Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"***

***14 Then the four living creatures said, "Amein!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.***

As we will see, Revelation progresses first through the seals, then through the trumpets, and then finally the cups (bowls) are poured out in judgment. After this is the battle of Har Megiddo (Armageddon), also known as the first war of Gog and Magog (Gog 1). This war also serves as the wedding feast, and all those who sleep with Yeshua at that time will go with Yeshua. Those who are still alive in Yeshua will come to the wilderness of the nations, where Yahweh will instruct us face to face. After that, those who are alive in Him will come back to His land, and fulfill the prophecies that take place during the millennium.

In order for us to grasp all that Revelation speaks of, we need to take it in small pieces. Therefore, in the next chapter, let us focus on the first five of the seals.

## The First Five Seals

The timeline chronology progresses like this:

1. Seals 1 thru 7
2. Trumpets 1 thru 7
3. Thunders (which are part of Trumpet 6)
4. Cups (Bowls) 1 thru 7
5. Armageddon (Gog 1, the Wedding Feast)
6. Wilderness of the nations
7. Millennium
8. New earth

In this chapter we will only discuss the first five seals, because a lot takes place at seal 6, and it warrants a separate discussion.

The first four seals will each introduce a “horse” of a different color. These are likely the same as the horses of Zechariah. Zechariah 6:5 tells us they represent four spirits of heaven which have gone out from Yahweh.

### **Zechariah 6:1-8**

**1 Then I turned and raised my eyes and looked, and behold, four chariots were coming from between two mountains, and the mountains were mountains of bronze.**

**2 With the first chariot were red horses, with the second chariot black horses,**

**3 with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot dappled horses — (they are all) strong steeds.**

**4 Then I answered and said to the messenger who talked with me, "What are these, my adon?"**

**5 And the messenger answered and said to me, "These are four spirits of heaven, who go out from their station before the Adon of all the earth.**

**6 The one with the black horses is going to the north country, the white are going after them, and the dappled are going toward the south country."**

**7 Then the strong steeds went out, eager to go, that they might walk to and fro throughout the earth. And He said, "Go, walk to and fro throughout the earth." So they walked to and fro throughout the earth.**

**8 And He called to me, and spoke to me, saying, "See, those who go toward the north country have given rest to My Spirit in the north country."**

The translation of verse 3 is debated, so let us look at it in Hebrew.

<p>Zechariah 6:3 3 with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot dappled, (they are all) strong (steeds).</p>	<p>(3) וּבַמֶּרְכָבָה הַשְּׁלִישִׁית סוּסִים לְבָנִים   וּבַמֶּרְכָבָה הָרְבִיעִית סוּסִים בְּרָדִים אַמְצִים :</p>
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The horses of the fourth chariot are “b’rudim” (בְּרָדִים), which is translated in various ways. The King James Version renders this as “grizzled,” but *Strong’s Hebrew Concordance* renders it as “spotted,” as if by hail (i.e., dappled).

**OT:1261 barod (baw-rode'); from OT:1258; spotted (as if with hail): KJV - grisled.**

When we look up the reference at OT:1258, we see that it is also a reference to hail, which makes “spotted” or “dappled” seem correct.

**OT:1258 barad (baw-rad'); a primitive root, to hail:**

The other word that is translated in different ways is “amutzim” (אַמֻצִים). Technically the word means simply “strong,” but the King James Version renders this as “bay” (a strong reddish-brown color).

**OT:554 'amots (aw-mohts'); probably from OT:553; of a strong color, i.e. red (others fleet): (KJV – bay)**

Verse 5 tells us the horses represent “spirits of heaven” that have gone out from their stations before Yahweh. Sometimes people have a difficult time with the idea that these spirits have a place before Yahweh, because some of these spirits are thought to be the antithesis of each other. Yet, since they have gone out from before Yahweh, Yahweh has a place and a use for all of them. As we will see, these spirits are:

1. **Red:** communism and (democratic) socialism.
2. **Black:** capitalism and free market economics.
3. **White:** Catholicism, Protestantism and ‘the church.’
4. **Dappled/Pale/Green:** associated with Islam (or “submission” to the will of the Spirit).

In *Nazarene Israel* we explain that while the dispersed Ephraimites went into every nation on earth, as a

spiritual body the tribes of Ephraim migrated north and west over centuries, ultimately settling in what later became Protestant northwestern Europe, which had a special combination of free-market capitalism, and Christianity. When Yahweh says that those who have gone “to the north” gave rest to His Spirit (Zechariah 6:8, above), He is saying this particular combination of free-market economics, coupled with belief in His Son, pleases Him. (Even if Christianity is not true to His Torah, this is still true as a general statement.)

It is significant in that Zechariah tells us that first the black horses (capitalism) went to the “north country,” and then the white horses (representing the church) followed after. This is the general pattern that we saw over history, as first the Roman Empire pushed north into Europe, seeking riches, and then Catholicism followed. Then, after Columbus discovered the new world, European kings sent explorers to claim new lands and riches for them, and missionaries followed after them. This is the combination Yahweh has used to spread Christianity to the four corners of the earth, so that the remnant who would be called back to the Nazarene Messianic faith could come from every nation, every family, and every clan.

We might also note that “north” has a symbolic meaning, as well as a literal one. In eastern thought, the “north” side of a hill is hidden in darkness and in shadows, and so when Ephraim went “to the north,” her identity was concealed from her brothers in Judah. We might also note that when Yahweh finally decides that Ephraim’s time of punishment is over, He will call for her “to the north,” because that is the direction she left (even though her descendants will physically come from east and west, out of every family, every nation, and every tribe).

**Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 3:11-12**

**11 Then Yahweh said to me, "Backsliding Israel has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Judah. 12 Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say: 'Return, backsliding Israel,' says Yahweh; 'I will not cause My anger to fall on you. For I am merciful,' says Yahweh; 'I will not remain angry forever.'"**

In verse 6, we see the dappled horses (which represent Islam) go toward the south country. We might note that Islam originally spread southward into the Arabian Peninsula, and then into Africa. It was only later that Islam spread to the east, and then up into Europe.

Considering all of the death and destruction that Islam generates, some might find it hard to believe that Islam can be a spirit of heaven. To this we can only answer that "Islam" (by definition) refers to "submitting to the Spirit," which is a concept Yahweh generally approves of. While it is true that the Muslims do not receive the fullness of Yahweh's blessings at the moment because they worship a false elohim (All-h), Yahweh chooses to save some of the Islamic nations after the tribulation (including Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, and perhaps also Jordan). This may be due to the fact that they are Avraham's descendants, and that they do seem to understand (perhaps better than many Christians, Messianics and Jews) that genuine faith dictates a lifestyle that is truly submitted to His Spirit (even if they have the wrong idea of what that looks like).

We should also note that most predominantly Muslim nations have the color green in their flag, and green is used as a symbol for Islam in general.

**Seal 1: White Horse.** In Revelation 19:11, Yeshua rides a white horse. However, this is not Yeshua's horse, in that its rider goes forth "conquering, and to conquer." This horse represents the papacy, which seeks world domination through whatever means. Because this horse wears a crown, it has governmental powers, and in fact controls the United Nations (UN), and is the object of its United Religions Initiative (URI). The Lamb has already opened this seal.

**6:1 Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."**

**2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.**

**Seal 2: Red Horse:** In *Torah Government* we discuss the place of believing communalism within the Levitical priesthood. However, the red horse in this passage represents secular Marxism/socialism (and the destruction it causes). Most communist/socialist nations have red in their flags (as do many democratic ones as well). Red is a symbol for Marxism, socialism and democracy all around the world.

**3 When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see."**

**4 Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.**



**Seal 3: Black Horse:** In *Torah Government* we explain why it causes great evil, discord and disunity in the body for the priesthood to sell the word of Yahweh, or to operate on capitalist principles. However, Yahweh wants the rest of the tribes to operate on free market principles, as this makes for the strongest economy. However, the black horse of Revelation does not represent a healthy type of capitalism. It may represent the “Yahweh-less capitalism” of the Rothschilds, the Bilderbergers, the World Bank, the Federal Reserve, and/or the International Monetary Fund, which control the governments of the world through central banking, and the unlawful charging of interest. Those who practice this type of capitalism are sometimes described as having “hearts as black as coal.”

***5 When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.***

***6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."***

Some commentators also believe this refers to the stock exchange, which buys, sells, and trades without regard for anything but profit.

**Seal 4: Green/Gray/Pale/Dappled Horse:** While in Zechariah the horses are described as being “strong” or “dappled” in color, the Greek word here is “chloros.” Chloros has been rendered as “pale” or “grey” in the past, but it refers to the color green (as in chlorophyll). This is most likely a reference to Islam, as green is

generally used as a symbol for Islam, and most Islamic nations have green in their flags. As we show in other places, most all Islamic flags also contain the tribulation colors (white, red, black, and green), as do many papal ensigns and emblems.

Muslims also occupy about one fourth of the earth, and they cause death by the sword and hunger wherever they are. Although the Lamb has already opened the fourth seal, we will also see much more Islamic destruction ahead.

***7 When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see."***

***8 So I looked, and behold, a green horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.***

**Seal 5: The Martyrs Cry Out:** At the fifth seal, the martyrs cry out for justice. They are told to wait, as more believers must die before their blood can be avenged. Our guess is that we are either at or near seal 5 at the time of this writing, since the first four seals are open, but the sixth seal is not yet open.

***9 When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of Elohim and for the testimony which they held.***

***10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Yahweh, Qodesh and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"***

***11 Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.***

Next we will talk about seal 6, and the tribulation it brings. However, since there is much to discuss, we will break them out into their own separate chapters.