

SUGGESTIVE HELPS AND AIDS TO UNDERSTANDING "THE REVELATION" AND RELATED END TIME SCRIPTURES

PREFACE

PURPOSE: SHARING THE DIRECTION I FEEL THE LORD HAS LED ME TO BETTER UNDERSTAND "THE REVELATION" AND OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES CONCERNING ENDTIMES BOTH FOR STUDY AND TEACHING, WISHING TO NEITHER ADD NOR TAKE AWAY FROM THE WORD. HOPEFULLY YOU WILL FIND THIS OF SOME BENEFIT TO YOU.

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INTRODUCTION

CONCEPT:

I perceive Revelation as:

1. The revealing of the coming of Jesus Christ Rev. 1:1, Rev. 1:7

Rev 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things

which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

Rev 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

2. A short work will the Lord make upon the earth Rom. 9:28

Rom 9:28 For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.

3. Israel will be purged and made like a jewel Mal. 3:17-18

Mal 3:17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

Mal 3:18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

4. Gathering of the saints and destruction of the wicked at Armageddon Rev 14:14-20

Rev 14:14 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.

Rev 14:15 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.

Rev 14:16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

Rev 14:17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

Rev 14:18 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.

Rev 14:19 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.

Rev 14:20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

5. Iniquity will be removed from the land in one day Zec. 3:9

Zec 3:9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

6. All judgment is delivered into Christ hands John 5:22-23

John 5:22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

John 5:23 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

7. At the end the kingdom will be delivered up to God

All rule, authority, and power will be put down 1Cor 15:24

1 Cor 15:24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

I. A. SEEK THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SPIRIT

John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.

B. BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE BIBLE

2 Tim 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

C. NEVER SAY YOU CANNOT UNDERSTAND UNTIL YOU HAVE READ IT 10-20 TIMES. WAIT UPON THE LORD.

Rom 2:7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

Dan 12:10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

When I began to study the book of Revelation once a week I was working about 35 miles away and from my home to the place of business it was 45 minutes. I started playing a recorder one half of "The Revelation" going to work and one half going home that afternoon. It took 1 ½ hours to listen to the complete book, so normally I heard the book of Revelation once a week (King James Version Of The Bible). After 7 weeks I had learned little or nothing. The next time I listened to the complete book in one day it was as though one rose had opened, then next time another and so on until there was a flower garden. I began to study between trips. Hearing the complete book in one day makes a

difference. One begins to see it as one revelation. By the time I had listened 20 plus times and studied between times I taught the book of Revelation teaching only what was in it and where it was located. Later came 25 or 30 times before my studying and teaching went together and I lost count but the Lord continued to open up his word. Later a website was started and a newsletter which we mailed out, handed out, e-mailed and placed it on the web-site. I had always said I would never teach the book of Revelation but was convicted otherwise. It was felt "The Revelation" should be taught primarily by showing what is in "The Revelation" and where it is located. You would have a tool that would be with you for life. What would have happened if I stopped at 5 times going through "The Revelation"?

How many times have you read the book of Revelation? Have you ever read it once? Have you read the complete Bible? If you have not, how can you say you cannot understand? We must seek the leadership of the spirit of God for understanding.

Dan 10:12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.

Have you set your heart to understand, and chastened yourself before God? Perhaps if we have not this may be what separates us from understanding the Word of God. We know at best we will learn only a portion of God's unending word.

ACCORDING TO YOUR MEASURE OF FAITH

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Rom 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Dan 12:8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?

Even Daniel's understanding was limited.

D. NO PRECONCEIVED IDEAS WITHOUT SCRIPTURAL BASIS

2 Pet 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

2 Pet 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2 Pet 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2 Pet 2:2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

PRECONCEIVED IDEAS:

Example: The pre-tribulation rapture theory is felt by most to be true. I have yet to be shown a scripture that supports the idea.

Example: The seven years of tribulation is for the Jews only. (It is rather when most sin and unbelief are taken from this world. Christ's reign with a rod of iron for the 1,000 year reign and the great white throne will remove the rest.)

Example: There will be 2 comings of Christ, once at the rapture and once at Armageddon. I failed to

find a scripture that supports this idea. I fail to find were the scriptures refer to the comings of the Lord, it always refers to the coming of the Lord.

Example: Every one has the right to believe like they want to. My bible states the word is not for private interpretation. (2Pet 1:20-21)

Example: Use what ever version of the bible that is best for you. My bible says for me to diminish not a word, be in unity and one accord, not to add to or take away. See the E section in this document on King James Version of the bible. Confusion! In this study alone, you would spend much of your time seeing the difference in the versions.

Example: The seven churches of Asia are indicated by many for each church to be a church age through history. The names of the seven churches in Asia are in the same order in chapter 1 as the order listed in chapters two and three. I see no scriptures to support this theory. If you know of any please let me know.

Conclusion:

Let the spirit of the Lord direct you and have an open mind to receive how you are directed and not have a closed conditioned mind with preconceived ideas. Remember that most feel they do not have to show scriptures to prove their preconceived ideas as long as most everyone already believes it. It is the main stream line of thinking and needs no support. The one that differs must prove their ideas and then disprove the established even if it has no scriptural basis.

E. USE NO OTHER VERSION OF THE BIBLE THAN THE KING JAMES

Deu 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Prov 24:21 My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change:

Rev 22:18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

Rev 22:19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

WHY USE THE KING JAMES VERSION OF THE BIBLE?

1. INFALLIBLE WORD
2. IDENTIFIABLE
3. MEMORIZE
4. UNITY AND ONE ACCORD
5. STOOD THE TEST OF TIME
6. COPYRIGHTS*
7. COMES FROM THE TEXTUS RECEPTUS (RECEIVED WORD)
8. REVERENCE THE WORD
9. DO NOT ADD TO OR TAKE AWAY FROM

* copyrights usually require substantial changes from an original – multiply this by 10 to 20 versions and see where you are. There must be substantial difference to receive a copyright. If you have numerous versions you would be far from the original. As I understand it we now stand at 230 + versions and still rising.

For further study on this subject we refer you to “Look For His Coming” Newsletter July 2006 edition www.endtimescriptures.com

II. WHAT IS SEALED?

Dan 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Dan 12:9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

Dan 8:26 And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days.

Rev 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

Rev 10:4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

Rev 22:7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Rev 22:10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

If you are one that thinks we can not understand "The Revelation" and should not try, please explain the last two scriptures.

Please do not forget these two verses:

Rev 22:18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

Rev 22:19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Please note the following from Daniel 12:10.

Dan 12:10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but **the wise shall understand.**

III. NUMBER OF CHAPTERS IN REVELATION – ONE OR TWO MAJOR TOPICS IN EACH CHAPTER

CHAPTER

1	INTRODUCTION
2	FOUR OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF ASIA
3	THREE OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF ASIA
4	JOHN'S FIRST LOOK INTO HEAVEN
5	BOOK
6	SIX SEALS
7	ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND
8	SEVENTH SEAL- FOUR OF THE SEVEN TRUMPETS
9	TWO TRUMPETS
10	LITTLE BOOK
11	SEVENTH TRUMPET
12	SATAN CAST OUT OF HEAVEN
13	BEAST
14	HARVEST
15	SEVEN LAST PLAGUES
16	SEVEN VIALS
17	JUDGMENT OF THE GREAT WHORE

18	BABYLON
19	ARMAGEDDON – MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB
20	ONE THOUSAND YEAR REIGN
21	HOLY CITY NEW JERUSALEM
22	CONCLUSION

You should have a good idea of a number of major happenings that occur in “The Revelation” and what order they come in. If you learn this order later it will be very helpful to find scriptures in the book.

IV. CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF REV?

CHURCHES - BEASTS - SEALS - TRUMPETS -WOES-VIALS

A. CHURCHES

The seven churches of Asia are listed in order in chapter 2 and 3 numerically as they are listed in chapter 1.

Rev 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

Note that the previous verse indicates the things which are. The seven churches of Asia existed at that time. Many people today suggest that the churches are ages to come and we are in the last church age of Laodicea. If this is correct I find no supporting scriptures. We recognize that each church has a promise or promises given to it that will occur at a later date. I agree that our generation is very similar to the Laodicean church.

B. BEASTS

The four beasts shown in chapter six in verses 1-7 list the first beast as one of the beasts, two is listed as second, three is listed as third, and four is listed as the fourth. The order of the beast is listed numerical.

C. SEALS

Six of the seals are opened in Chapter six and each is listed in numerical order, the same as the beasts listed above. The seventh seal is not opened until later in chapter eight. When the seventh seal is opened the seven angels appear and sound the seven trumpets in numerical order.

D. TRUMPETS

The seven trumpets are sounded in order. When the seventh trumpet is sounded the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ in Rev. 11:15. The trumpets are in numerical order.

E. WOES

In Rev. 8:13 the three Woes are shown to be the voices of the last three trumpets. The three Woes are one and the same as the last three trumpets that are yet to sound, likewise these are in order. There seems to be no doubt that the fifth, sixth and seventh trumpets are the three Woes.

F. VIALS

In chapter 16 the seven vials are poured out in numerical order. The seventh angel poured out his vial in Rev. 16:17 and in the same verse it is stated "...and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done."

OPINION:

From Rev. 4:1 when John first sees into heaven there seems to be little doubt that this is in chronological order until the end of Rev. chapter 11

after the seventh angel or seventh trumpet has sounded. All kingdoms are given to Christ at that time.

Rev. chapters 12 and 13 are about Satan's kingdom. From Rev. chapter 4 until the end of Chapter 11 it is telling about Christ and Him receiving the kingdoms of this world. Rev. chapter 12 and 13 will cover or overlap other parts of Revelation due to the fact you are covering two different kingdoms. After Satan's kingdom is described then we pick back up on Christ reign in Rev. 14:1. We will go into Rev. chapter 14 in more details later. In the first part of 14 the time line picks back up with Christ and the 144,000 on Mt. Zion. In verse 6 an angel has the everlasting gospel to preach to the earth. Then the prophecy is given of the fall of Babylon, yet to come, later the mark of the beast, the harvest, and gathering the vine of the earth.

Rev. chapter 15 and 16 are the seven last plagues and the seven vials. The vials are in order. Rev. chapter 17 starts out saying "...one of the seven angels which had the seven vials..." highly suggesting this is after the seven vials are poured out. "And after..." is how Rev. chapter 18 and 19 starts off suggesting that what takes place next is following the proceeding chapter. Rev. chapter 20 goes into the 1,000 year reign and Rev. chapter 21 and 22 go into the New Heaven and the New Earth, with the conclusion of the book. Rev. chapters 7 and 10 possibly could be considered interludes. Rev. chapter 7 seals the 144,000 and describes a multitude which no man could number. Even the wind has been stopped. Rev. chapter 10 describes an angel coming down and standing on the land and the sea, seven thunders uttered their voices, and the little book is given to John. I see in no way either of these two chapters break the chronological order. Rev. chapter 14 starts off with the Lamb and the 144,000 on Mt. Zion. Then, another angel was seen having the everlasting gospel to preach to them that dwell on the earth. From this point on there is prophecy of coming events as in verse 8 Babylon is fallen, which will take place in Rev. chapter 18. Rev. chapter 14 closes with the harvest and what seems to be Armageddon. It appears to me that the first of this chapter is in chronological order then followed by prophecy yet to come.

It appears that The Revelation basically is in chronological order from the beginning to the end with the above exceptions listed, mainly chapters 12 and 13 being Satan's earthly kingdom and Christ's kingdom is given to Him in chapter 11. Also, Rev. chapter 14 starts off chronologically then prophecy yet to come is given. Remember the interludes of chapter 7 and 10.

V . CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF CHAPTER 14

“...a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, ...”

“...with him an hundred forty and four thousand, ...”

Rev 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

Rev 14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

Rev 14:3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

Rev 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

Rev 14:5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

“...everlasting gospel...”

Rev 14:6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

Rev 14:7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

“...Babylon is fallen...”

Rev 14:8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

“...worship the beast and his image...”

“...and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand...”

Rev 14:9 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,

Rev 14:10 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:

Rev 14:11 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.

“...Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth:” (Rev.14:13)

Rev 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Rev 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

“...harvest of the earth is ripe...” (Rev.14:15)

Rev 14:14 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.

Rev 14:15 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.

Rev 14:16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

“...blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles,...” (Rev. 14:20)

“...by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.”(Rev.14:20)

Rev 14:17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

Rev 14:18 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.

Rev 14:19 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.

Rev 14:20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

OPINION:

It appears that chapter 14 picks up from the latter portion of chapter 11 after the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and his Christ, after the sounding of the seventh trumpet. The Lamb and the 144,000 stood on Mt. Sion. Next an angel flies in the midst of heaven having the everlasting gospel.

In verse 8 it states there followed another angel and stated Babylon has fallen. In Rev. chapter 15 and 16 are the 7 plagues and 7 vials then in Rev. chapter 17 is the judgment of the great whore. The fall of Babylon is found in chapter 18. I see no mention of the plagues, vials and the judgment of the great whore in Rev. chapter 14.

Warning of worshipping the beast and his image or receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand is given. What will happen to those receiving the mark of the beast is stated. It is not clear if the mark will start before the warning or at the time of the warning.

Next is the harvest of the earth in Rev. 14:14-16. from verse 17 through 20 it appears clear this is Armageddon. Rev. chapter 19 has the marriage supper of the Lamb and Armageddon, both of which are past the fall of Babylon in Rev. chapter 18. Rev. chapter 20 is the thousand year reign which comes after Armageddon, and then the battle of Gog and Magog, the great white throne, and the second death. Rev. chapters 21 and 22 are the New Heaven and the New Earth and the conclusion of “The Revelation”.

CONCLUSION:

It appears that Rev. chapter 14 starts off in chronological order to verse 8 which is the fall of Babylon. From verse 8 it appears to be prophesy of things yet to come.

VI. NUMBERING THE DAYS

Explanation: In Daniel 12:8 even Daniel heard but understood not. After this the 1,290 days and the 1,335 days were given to him. We did not receive the 1,260 days until John's Revelation in chapter 13:5. In Daniel chapter 12:10 we are told that none of the wicked would understand but the wise will understand. I believe that we are in the last days. (see Dan. 12:9)

By going to Armageddon and counting backwards Daniel's 1,290 days (Dan. 12:11) or (abomination of desolation) from the end of the war or the consummation it brings us back to when the daily sacrifice is cut off. Then count from the daily sacrifice forward 1,260 days that the beast has control (Rev.11:2) leaving 30 days until Armageddon. Armageddon will come out of the 30 days. The 7 vials, destruction of the great whore and fall of Babylon as well as the gathering of the nations for war must come out of this remaining time.

42 months beasts controls (Rev. 13:5)

5 months locusts (Rev. 9:5)

1 yr. 1 mo. 1 day 1 hr. (Rev. 9:15)(to slay the 1/3 part of men)

30 days (Dan. 12:11) (1,290 - 1,260 = 30 days)

Note, that 5 years 1 day and 1 hour come under the 5th and 6th trumpets which leaves only 22 months 28 days 23 hours (if it is still a 24 hour day) for the 1st through the 7th seal and first 4 trumpets. There are many things that are not given a time frame. I am looking only at those that do. The previous hours mention is providing we are still on a 24 hour day.

Dan 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Dan 9:27 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.

Dan 12:11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

Dan 12:12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

Dan 8:14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

Rev 11:3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

Rev 11:9 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.

Zec 3:9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

Rev 11:2 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.

Rev 9:10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

Rev 9:15 *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.*

Opinion: (See preceding scriptures)

(Below is figured on a 30 day prophesy month and a 24 hour day.)

1,290 days from the daily sacrifice being cut off to Armageddon (Dan 12:11)

- **1,260** the beast is in control (Rev. 13:5)

30 days (includes the day of Armageddon)

42 months (Rev 13:5) X **30 day** month = **1,260 days** (Beast controls the earth)

7 yrs. = **84 months** – **42 months** beast control of earth = **42 months** (1/2 of 7yrs)

84 months – **42 months** beast controls earth – **1 month** (30 days) = **41 months**

1,335 days – **1,290 days** = **45 days** after Armageddon

5 months (Rev 9:10) In 1st Woe or 5th trumpet (locust sting like scorpions)

+ **1yr 1mo 1day 1hr** (Rev. 9:15) In 2nd Woe or 6th trumpet (to slay the third part

18 months 1day 1hour of men)

18 months 1 day 1 hour (see previous figures)

+**42 months** beast controls earth In 2nd Woe or 6th trumpet

60 months 1 day and 1 hour = 5 years 1 day and 1 hour

84 months = 7yrs.

-1 month (30 days - see above)

-60 months 1 day and 1 hour (see above)

22 months 28 days 23 hours or less for 7 seals and first 4 trumpets

THIRTY DAYS

(Suggestive events)

“...a Lamb stood on the mount Sion,...”

Rev 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

“...everlasting gospel...”

Rev 14:6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

“...seven angels having the seven last plagues;”

Rev 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

“...the judgment of the great whore...”

Rev 17:1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

“...Babylon is fallen,...”

Rev 14:8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

“...marriage supper of the Lamb.”

Rev 19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

“...beheaded for the witness of Jesus,...”

Rev 20:4 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.

“...the earth was reaped.” (Rev 14:16)

Rev 14:15 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.

Rev 14:16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

“...Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem;...”

Zec 14:14 And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.

“...they shall devour all the people round about,...”

Zec 12:6 In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.

“The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first,...”

Zec 12:7 The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah.

“...Armageddon.”

Rev 16:16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

FORTY FIVE DAYS

(Suggestive events)

Isa 66:20 And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the LORD out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD.

“...gather you from the people,...”

Ezek 11:17 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.

“...gather you out of the countries...”

Ezek 20:34 And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.

“...bring you out from the people,...”

Ezek 20:41 I will accept you with your sweet savour, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the heathen.

“...gathered the house of Israel from the people...”

Ezek 28:25 Thus saith the Lord GOD; When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob.

“...join them one to another into one stick;...” (Ezek. 37:17)

Ezek 37:16 Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions:

Ezek 37:17 And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand.

“...take the children of Israel from among the heathen...”

Ezek 37:21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:

“...one king shall be king to them all:...”

Ezek 37:22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:

“...all shall have one shepherd:...”

Ezek 37:24 And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

“...the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.”

Joel 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

“...Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place,...”

Zec 12:6 In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.

“The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first,...”

Zec 12:7 The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah.

ONE DAY

(Suggestive events)

“...the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish;...”

Isa 60:12 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.

“...the LORD plead with all flesh:...”

Isa 66:16 For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many.

“...valley of Jehoshaphat,...” (a.)

“...plead with them there for my people...” (b.)

Joel 3:2 I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

“...valley of decision:...”

Joel 3:14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

“...cause the sun to go down at noon,...” (a.)

“...I will darken the earth in the clear day:...” (b.)

Amos 8:9 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day:

“...remove the iniquity of that land in one day.”

Zec 3:9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

“In that day,...” (a.)

“...I will smite every horse with astonishment,...” (b.)

Zec 12:4 In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.

“...Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem;...”

Zec 14:14 And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.

“...Armageddon.”

Rev 16:16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

“...out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword,...” (Rev 19:15)

Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

Rev 19:12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

Rev 19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

Rev 19:14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Rev 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Rev 19:16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

REVIEW:

The seven years of tribulation would be 7×12 months = 84 months. 42 months is the length of time the beast will control the earth. In the **midst** (Dan 9:27)(note this does not say middle in the KJV) of the week the sacrifice and the oblation will cease. In Dan 12:11 there will be 1,290 days from the time the daily sacrifice is cut off until the consummation or Armageddon. (Dan 9:27) The 2 witnesses will testify 1,260 days (Rev. 11:13). The 2 witnesses appear to start $3 \frac{1}{2}$ days before the daily sacrifice is cut off and the beast gains controls. From the time the daily sacrifice is cut off there are 1,290 days until the consummation at Armageddon. The first 1,260 days (42×30) of the 1,290 days are while the beast is in control leaving 30 days until Armageddon ($1,290 - 1,260 = 30$) This gives a 41 month period at the beginning of the 7 years followed by 42 months of the beast control and 1 month at the end or the 30 days previously mentioned. $1,335$ days (Dan 12:12) less 1,290 days gives us 45 days after Armageddon for the beginning of the gathering of Israel. See the previous list and suggestive scriptures that appear in the latter period of 45 days.

VII. AFTER

Rev 4:1 **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.

Rev 7:1 And **after** these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

Rev 18:1 And **after** these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

Rev 19:1 And **after** these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:

Check the following scriptures and see if you do not think that it is highly suggestive that these chapters indicate they are following previous chapters?

Rev. 4:1, 5:1, 6:1, 7:1, 8:1, 9:1, 10:1, 11:1.15:1, 16:1, 17:1, 18:1, 19:1, 20:1-2, 21:1, 22:1

These chapters including the previous 4 would total 16 chapters. The introduction (chapter 1) and the 7 churches of Asia (chapters 2&3) are 3 of those left. Chapters 12 & 13 are Satan and him getting his earthly kingdom, leaving only chapter 14 for a total of 22 chapters. The latter portion of Chapter 14 is being considered as prophesy to come. Rev. chapter 14 is where Christ and the 144,000 appear on Sion, the angel is sent out with the everlasting gospel and a projection of things to come.

VIII. CLOUDS

Dan 7:13 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.

Rev 1:7 Behold, he cometh with **clouds**; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

Rev 14:14 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.

Rev 14:15 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.

Rev 14:16 And he that sat on the **cloud** thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

The previous 3 verses Rev. 14:14-16 seems to be clear to me to be the gathering of saints.

We are told that the Lord is coming back in the clouds in Daniel. Then the word cloud or clouds appear in Revelation 7 times. Please note previous 5 are already mentioned. Please note that in the 7th verse of the 1st chapter of Revelation we are already told he cometh with clouds. The following two times is not related to the Lord himself returning in the clouds. (see the following 2 verses)

“...angel come down from heaven...”

Rev 10:1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a **cloud**: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

“...their enemies beheld them. “

Rev 11:12 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.

Note the first was a mighty angel and the second was the two witnesses. It seems clear to me that Rev. 14:14-16 is the gathering of the saints.

IX. 3 WOES

There are 7 seals on the book handed to Christ to open, and the seventh seal becomes seven trumpets and the last three trumpets are the three woes. Please look at Rev. 12:12 where Satan is cast down to the earth. The word inhabiters is used and in Rev. 8:13 it is also used. If you check I believe that you will find that it is the only two times this word is used in the entire Bible.

It appears to be clear this is when Satan is cast out of heaven to the earth. During the first woe the locust sting like scorpions for five months. The second woe is when one third of the men will be killed and the seven thunders will occur, then the beast has his 42 months of power over the nations. The seventh trumpet is when the rule of all nations is turned over to Christ. During this time the seven vials will be poured out, judgment of the great whore, the fall of Babylon, Armageddon, followed by the beast and false prophet being taken and Satan will be cast into the bottomless pit for 1,000 years before being loosed for a season before the final battle of Gog and Magog and the great white throne of judgment.

“...Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabiters of the earth...”

Rev 8:13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the **inhabiters** of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

FIRST WOE

“...fifth angel sounded...”

Rev 9:1 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.

Rev 9:2 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.

Rev 9:12 One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

SECOND WOE

“...**sixth angel sounded...**”

Rev 9:13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

Rev 9:14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

Rev 9:15 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.

Rev 11:14 The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

THIRD WOE

“...seventh angel sounded;...”

Rev 11:15 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.

Rev 11:16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

Rev 11:17 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.

“Woe to the inhabiters of the earth...”

Rev 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the **inhabiters** 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.

Rev 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

“...Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabiters of the earth...”

Rev 8:13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the **inhabiters** of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

SUGGESTIVENESS:

OPINION

It appears highly likely that Satan will be cast out of heaven at the beginning of the 5th trumpet or the 1st Woe. As is seen in Rev. 12:13.

Rev 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

This verse is obviously Israel. When the earth helped the woman Satan was angry.

Rev 12:17 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.

“... which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” Who other than the Christians, believers, born again children of God could this be referring? Under the first part of the 6th Trumpet 1/3 of the men of the earth will be killed. We could be part of this group. (?) Please note under the 5th Trumpet the locust harm only those that have not the seal of God in their forehead which would identify us just before 1/3 of the men are killed. Think about it (persecution?).

Mat 24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

Mat 24:10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

Could the day be shortened before the start of the three woes? (see below)

Rev 8:10 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;

Rev 8:11 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.

Rev 8:12 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**.

I have been taught that the volcanic smoke and ash would shorten the day, sun, moon, and the stars. I agree with this when the heavens depart as a scroll (Rev 6:14). Note here the **night likewise** and the only way that I see that this would happen is for the rotation of the earth to be changed and we have a 16 hour day. Remember this is following the star called wormwood falling to the earth and just before Satan comes down and the three woes start. If anyone has scripture to support a different idea I would be glad to hear from you. I ask again how can you shorten the **night**?

Rev 8:13 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!

Mat 24:22 And except those **days should be shortened**, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those **days shall be shortened**.

X. SOME MAJOR TOPICS CONNECTING CHAPTERS IN “THE REVELATION”

Ch. 2, 3	Seven churches of Asia
Ch. 4, 5	John’s look into heaven
Ch. 7, 10	Interlude chapters
Ch. 8, 9, 11	Trumpets
Ch. 12, 13	Satan cast out of heaven and his earthly kingdom
Ch. 15, 16	7 last plagues – 7 vials
Ch. 17, 18	Great whore – Fall of Babylon
Ch. 21, 22	New Heaven/New Earth

17 chapters in “The Revelation” are listed above.

Ch. 1	Introduction
Ch. 6	6 seals
Ch. 14	Harvest
Ch. 19	Armageddon/ marriage supper of the Lamb
Ch. 20	1,000 year reign

5 additional individual chapters not previously listed.

22 total chapters in “The Revelation”

XI. HOW LONG IS THE SEVENTH TRUMPET?

Rev 10:6 And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:

Rev 10:7 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.

Rev 11:15 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.

Note: Rev. 10:6 “...there should be time no longer:...” , verse 7 indicates “... voice of the seventh angel when he shall begin to

sound...".

Look closely at the previously 3 verses. It is mentioned "...days of the voice of the seventh angel", "...begin to sound..." clearly indicates it will be more than one day and begin to sound could be for any length of time.

Verse 15 of Rev. chapter 11 indicates "the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever."

Looking at Rev.10:7 "the mystery of God should be finished as he hath declared to his servants the prophets." Prophecy has been all the way to the new heaven and the new earth. In verse 6 it is indicated "there should be time no longer" which suggest until the great white throne or after when time ceases. It seems time entered the world with death and with this line of thinking time will cease when death leaves this world.

In Rev. chapter 8 verse 13 it indicates Woe, woe, woe which we have discussed separately. The 3 woes are the last 3 trumpets with the 7th trumpet being the last woe or trumpet. The woes seem to increase each time. The 1st woe is when the locusts sting men 5 months; the 2nd woe is when 1/3 of men are slain and the beast rules the earth 42 months. The 3rd woe or the 7th trumpet, with the above thinking, would go until Satan is cast out into the lake of fire, after the battle of Gog and Magog. This would also place it in the area of time after the 1,000 year reign and the great white throne to where death is cast into the lake of fire with time being no more.

In effect it is highly suggestive that Christ's earthly reign will be in the days of the voice of the seventh angel or trumpet and that the 7th trumpet goes until the new heaven and the new earth when time shall be no more.

What do you think?

XII. WHO ARE THE GREAT MULTITUDE, WHICH NO MAN COULD NUMBER?

"...all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues..."

Rev 7:9 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;

“...every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation...”

Rev 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Please note that every nation, kindred, people and tongue would appear to include all redeemed people from Adam until that time. In Rev 5:9 the elders and the beasts are the ones that sung a new song and stated that “Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God...” This is highly suggestive that the blood of Christ redeemed both the elders and the beasts as well as the nations, kindred, people and tongues. Let us remember that Satan had fallen and his angels were with him. Later heaven itself will be done away with and there will be a new heaven.

This great multitude (Rev 7:9) mentioned in the previous verses are greatly discussed and debated. Those holding to the pre-tribulation theory believe the Rapture will occur prior to the beginning of the great tribulation period. Rev. 7:9 is given by some as proof that the rapture has occurred. Most holding this thinking believe that the rapture occurred at the time John’s Revelation takes him into heaven, that this is a picture of the gathering of the saints. A problem with this thinking quickly brings to mind that we are already in the midst of the tribulation period when these appear. Please note that 25% of the earth died under one seal in chapter 6.

Another problem is presented in that the 144,000 are not chosen until the 7th chapter of Revelation immediately before the previous verses. In chapter 14 verse 4 they are stated to be the firstfruits unto God and the Lamb.

SLAIN

“Greater love hath no man...”

“...lay down his life for his friends....”

John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

“...a Lamb as it had been *slain*...”

Rev 5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been *slain*, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

Rev 5:8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

“...for thou wast *slain*...”

Rev 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast *slain*, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

“...Lamb that was *slain*...”

Rev 5:12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was *slain* to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

“...souls of them that were *slain* for the word of God,... ‘

Rev 6:9 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:

Rev 6:10 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?

“...fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed...”

Rev 6:11 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 fellowservants also and their brethren, that *should be killed* as they were, should be fulfilled.

“... souls of them that were *beheaded* for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God,...”

Rev 20:4 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.

In the previous verses John 15:13 shows that there is no greater love than one to lay his life down for a friend. This is exactly what Christ did for us. He shed his blood for all of us that would accept him in the free pardon for our sins. We must confess our sins, repent and turn away from sin to Christ. The Lamb was the only one in heaven worthy to open the book given from the hand of the Father.

The word **slain** regarding Christ is mentioned in Rev. 5:6, Rev. 5:9, and Rev. 5:12. Christ was set aside and separate.

In Rev. 6:9-10 under the altar are the souls of them that were slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they had. In Rev. 6:11 are their fellow servants and brethren that should be killed. This is special mention to those that have given their life for the cause of Christ or will in the future do so. In Rev. 20:4 the souls are mentioned of those that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God. Once again special mention of those that have shown their great love.

NO MENTION OF SLAIN (?)

Rev 7:9 *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;

Rev 7:10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

Rev 7:11 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,

Rev 7:12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

Rev 7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

Rev 7:14 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.

Rev 7:15 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.

Rev 7:16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

Rev 7:17 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.

“... both soul and body...”

Mat 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

“...raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed...”

1 Cor 15:52 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.

1 Cor 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

1 Cor 15:54 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.

“...where I am, there ye may be also...”

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

“...follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth...”

Rev 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

“...absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.”

2 Cor 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

In the previous verses we see that man has a body and a soul. At death the body dies and the soul goes to be with the Lord. After we are raised from the dead we will have a new body. We will be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed. Christ tells that where he is we will be also. Please note that the 144,000 are with Christ in Rev. 14:4 and they are the firstfruits. It is stated that they follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. I truly believe this is true of us also, but where are we in Rev. 14:4 if we have already been taken up? No mention is made of us there.

OPINION:

The multitude that no man could number in Rev. 7:9-17 are those that have died in Christ other than the slain for the cause of Christ who are under the altar. Note that the souls are mentioned. No indication is given that the body has been resurrected or suggestiveness this is the final state. As a matter of fact in Rev. 6:11 there are indications that fellow servants and brethren are to be killed and joined the slain later. Even if this multiple was as some believe the rapture coming prior to the tribulation (I find no credible evidence to support this theory) one fourth of the earth die in Rev. chapter 6 under the 4th seal and the multitude that no man can number appear in the midst of the tribulation and not at the beginning. I welcome any scriptures that indicate otherwise.

It appears to me this multitude that no man can number includes all that Christ died for in the old testament that their sins were pushed forward to the cross and all that have died in Christ since up until this point, except possibly those souls under the altar for special recognition. Rev. 6:11 makes it clear that there are those that will follow. Many were resurrected when Christ was raised from the dead (Mat. 27:52-53) and two (Enoch Gen. 5:24) (Elijah 2Kings 2:11) went to heaven without dying. To me these are in a gray area as to their state at this time in Rev. chapter 7. The soul goes to be with the Lord at the time of death but the new body comes at the time of gathering of the saints at Christ coming. The only problem I have with this thinking is Rev 7:14 "... These are they which came out of great tribulation,...". Some things may remain a mystery until we get there.

ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS:

FOUR BEAST AND FOUR AND TWENTY ELDERS

Rev 5:8 And when he had taken the book, the **four beasts** and **four and twenty elders** fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the **prayers of saints**.

Rev 5:9 And **they** sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed **us** to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Rev 5:10 And hast made **us** unto our God kings and priests: and **we** shall reign on the earth.

Rev 5:14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

In the previous verses from the 5th chapter of Revelation we find the beasts and the four and twenty elders fell down before the the Lamb in verse 8. In verse 9 it is stated "...for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed **us** to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;" It appears that they are including themselves. I can understand the elders having probably been on this earth and born in sin. The beasts however appear to be created beings and never experienced sin. This was confusing to me at first. I believe the Lord caused me to realize that Satan had fell from grace and was and still is in sin. Satan is to be cast out of heaven. All sin will eventually be done away with and there will be a new heaven and a new earth. All but Satan and his followers will be redeemed by the blood of Christ to God.

SERAPHIMS -----CHERUBIMS

SERAPHIMS

"...seraphims..."
"...six wings..."

Isa 6:2 Above it stood the **seraphims**: each one had **six wings**; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

“...six wings...”

Rev 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them **six wings** about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

CHERUBIMS

Ezek 10:15 And the **cherubims** were lifted up. This is the living creature that I saw by the river of **Chebar**.

Ezek 1:1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of **Chebar**, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.

Isa 37:16 O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the **cherubims**, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth.

“...four wings...” Ezek.1:6

Ezek 1:5 Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man.

Ezek 1:6 And every one had four faces, and every one had **four wings**.

Ezek 1:8 And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings.

Ezek 1:9 Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward.

Ezek 1:10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on

the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

The living creatures in Ezekiel chapter 1 have 4 wings and are referred to in Ezek. 10:15 as the living creatures seen at the river Chebar.

Isaiah 6:2 refers to the seraphims as having 6 wings. Rev. 4:8 refers to the beast as having 6 wings. It is highly suggestive that the living creatures in chapter 4 of Rev. are the same as in Isaiah 6:2. Note both have 6 wings but the cherubims are referred to above as having 4 wings.

SUGGESTIVE TOPICS

A. lightnings, thunders, voices 4:5, 8:5, 16:18

Rev 4:5 And out of the throne proceeded *lightnings and thunders and voices*: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

Rev 8:5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it **into the earth**: and there were *voices, and thunders, and lightnings*, and an earthquake.

Rev 16:18 And there were *voices, and thunders, and lightnings*; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

Rev 8:3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

Rev 8:4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

Rev 8:5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it **into the earth**: and there were *voices, and thunders, and lightnings*, and an earthquake.

Rev 14:19 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.

Please note in the previous verses the prayers of the saints with fire of the altar are cast into the earth. In Rev. 14:19 the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth. This well could be the answer to the cry of Rev. 6:9-10 for those slain asking to be avenged. (A thought to be considered)

B. white raiment 4:4, 7:9, 7:13, 7:14

Rev 4:4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in **white raiment**; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

Rev 7:9 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;

Rev 7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in **white robes**? and whence came they?

Rev 7:14 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**.

C. Book 5:1, 5:2, 5:3, 5:4, 5:5, 5:7, 5:8, 5:9

Little book 10:2, 10:8, 10:9, 10:10

BOOK

Rev 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a **book** written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

Rev 5:2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the **book**, and to loose the seals thereof?

Rev 5:3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the **book**, neither to look thereon.

Rev 5:4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the **book**, neither to look thereon.

Rev 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the **book**, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Rev 5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

Rev 5:7 And he came and took the **book** out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

Rev 5:8 And when he had taken the **book**, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

Rev 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying Thou art worthy to take the **book**, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

LITTLE BOOK

Rev 10:2 And he had in his hand a **little book** open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,

Rev 10:8 And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the **little book** which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.

Rev 10:9 And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the **little book**. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.

Rev 10:10 And I took the **little book** out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth

sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.

D. 144,000 sealed 7:3-8, firstfruits 14:1-5

Rev 7:3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

Rev 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Rev 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

Rev 14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

Rev 14:3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

Rev 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the **firstfruits** unto God and to the Lamb.

The 144,000 are not sealed until Rev. chapter 7. At one time $\frac{1}{4}$ of the earth die in chapter 6. At least $\frac{1}{4}$ of the earth are dead at the time these are sealed, "...being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb". (Rev. 14:4) Many refer to the 144,000 being evangelist and witnessing to the world with the two witnesses during the 1260 days. Please note in verse 4 they are referred to as not defiled with women and they are virgins, suggesting they are youths or even children. Remember the children of Israel refused to enter Israel after the 12 spies were sent in, except the two faithful spies. All but the young and the two faithful spies died wandering in the wilderness for forty years.

Rev. chapter 7 starts off "And after these things..." indicating to me that the 144,000 were not sealed until after chapter 6 was completed.

MYSTERY:

Mark 4:11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the *mystery* of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

Mark 4:12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.

Rom 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this *mystery*, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

Rom 16:25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the *mystery*, which was kept secret since the world began,

Eph 1:9 Having made known unto us the *mystery* of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

Eph 3:3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the *mystery*; (as I wrote afore in few words,

Eph 3:4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the *mystery* of Christ)

Eph 5:32 This is a great *mystery*: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Eph 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the *mystery* of the gospel,

It is felt that in these last days much is given to us through the word , but some things are not given to us and still remain a *mystery*. Many things in Revelation may remain a mystery. We are children of light. Much is given to us that is not given to the world, more to some than others, according to our measure of faith.

Dan 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Dan 12:10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

Note Daniel 12:4 states that the book should be sealed until the time of the end. I believe we are at the time of the end. Look for His coming.

Rev 22:10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

The intent and purpose of this document is not to teach the book of “The Revelation” but to show how I believe the Lord has led me to better understand the book of Revelation and related end time scriptures. I simply want to share with you. Hopefully it has been beneficial to you.

Luke 21:28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Please note:

Rev 22:10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

Dan 12:10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

From the previous scriptures it gives me hope that some scriptures that were previously a mystery and not understood are starting to be understood in these last days as we start to see some of the fulfillment before our eyes. Watch the future as the mighty hand of God intervenes