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THE
PROPHECY
REVELATION



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PRESENTATION

“Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint...”

(Proverbs 29.18)

I believe that this proverb defines well the motivations that led Marcelo to dedicate much of his time to read, contemplate, and write about future events described in the Bible, especially in the book of Revelation.

Some movies and books explore the theme without any real commitment to the truth of the sacred scriptures. And amongst those who search the Scripture, especially in the book of Revelation, for the answers about what will happen in the future, many times, it's perceived that the attention on the subject is focused on the definition (almost guesswork) of dates and characters. But little is said about the 'spirit of prophecy' contained in the book, which is the testimony of Jesus (Revelation 19.10) manifested in each chapter and event described by John.

Therefore, it's with joy that we present this literary work about future events, themes that the Holy Spirit wishes to make known by all men.

Considering that the visions related by John in the book of Revelation are normally seen as something complex, strange, and hard to interpret, seeking to explain them in an accessible manner was a great challenge.

In actuality, the topics related to the theme of “prophecy” tend to be difficult to assimilate.

But in precisely this point, there’s one of the merits of the book as it’s presented now.

By speaking in a simple language, Marcelo can take the readers through a pleasant read, we can even say surprising, since the narrative is in the present time, giving the impression of reading a history book.

We have the sensation of traveling to the future without deviating from God’s Word, the Bible, because Marcelo was careful in making sure the order in which the events are presented are confirmed by the scripture itself, sometimes utilizing the book of Isaiah, Daniel, Paul’s letters, the gospels, and other books, always with references cited in the footnotes. Moreover, the many references included over the book are of great importance, for the reader could not only seek the Biblical foundation for referenced affirmation but also lengthen the contemplation on the specific theme, reading in the Bible the context and set of verses that give ground to the description done by the author.

In the book, we find answers to the most diverse questions about the future of every single human being.

Although, behind all these questions and answers, something greater can be achieved: we can comprehend more broadly God's love for all of us, be it through the revelation of things related to the eternity, be it through confirmation that the faithfulness and God's justice are perfect and don't fail.

Thus, all who chose to believe and trust Christ will never be caught off guard. One can suffer temporarily in this world, but will have a reward for their faith, living forever with the Lord of the Lords, to whom belongs the salvation.

On the other hand, its reading will also awaken awe in each of us, in that we let the Holy Spirit probe the heart and show if exists in there something that needs to be changed while there's still time. Concerning those who surround us, it brings forth a sense of urgency, for we want our friends to know these things as well.

Lastly, an alert: don't look in this book for theories or doctrinal lines on the subject. Don't waste time listing points with which you don't agree or can refute. It's certain that, as time goes by, more the Holy Spirit will be interested that we give attention to the things He said should soon happen and that are revealed to us in the prophecy of the book of Revelation.

Therefore, the clearer and more precise the interpretation of the events will be. However, the Holy Spirit doesn't do this to satisfy our curiosity or so that someone can say: "I'm right". He does this because he wishes to give testimony of Jesus and his coming. This is the outcry of the Spirit in the last verses of the book (and of the Bible)

Therefore, we shall let the Holy Spirit renew and strengthen our faith.

This vision snatches us away from the vanity of modern days, cleanses our minds from the many distractions, and even delusions, and encourages us to proclaim with great hope: Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

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*Maranatha is an expression of Aramaic origin that, in its translation to the English language, has a meaning similar to "come, Lord".

AUTHOR'S PREFACE

- My friends need to know about these things!

This was the thought that invaded my mind and the feeling that blossomed in my heart when I'd finished rereading the book of Revelation and, for the first time, comprehended the things written in it. It had been some time since I've been seeking God to comprehend the book. Before initiating this search, I was convinced that God hadn't truly planned for any of us, human beings, to fully comprehend what is written in the book of Revelation. I thought we'd only be blessed by the exercise of reading it, once that in the book itself we find a promise to those who read, who listen and who retain the things written in it. But I've discovered that I was very much wrong. God does wish that we comprehend the things reserved for the future. The reason why is because he loves us! Loves us so much that he's sent his Son Jesus to save us. God's heart is in only one thing: bring close those who are far and prepare them to join him in eternity, such as a bride is prepared to encounter the groom in order to be united in marriage.

To take notice of things that will happen and that are announced to us in the book of Revelation, independently of one being close or far from God, will make all the difference!

What I've described here are things that are written in prophecy. The Holy Spirit has helped me comprehend them.

He does so with whoever seeks him in this sense. When I didn't understand something, I'd ask him. Sometime gone by, the answer would come. He'd simply show me that one text was linked to another. Other times, he cleared my mind to understand more widely something that I'd already read, but hadn't understood enough. As I understood, I was awed, and at the same time, went into despair. Surged within me a sense of urgency: "My friends need to know about these things!" Then I felt motivated to write this book that, in my heart, I hope blesses all those who read it.

"Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near." Revelation 1.3

INTRODUCTION

How will eternity be for each of us?

Where will we be?

What will we feel?

What will we be occupied with?

In a general sense, the future of humanity is already defined. We can compare it to a great river that follows its course until the waters divide. A part will flow to a great waterfall whose waters turn turbulent and deadly, while the other follows the natural course of the river until uniting with the immense and serene sea. We're as fish that choose to which side of the river we'll follow.

The book of Revelation is an account that the Holy Spirit has done to show what we'll face ahead. Now this book, 24 Extraordinary Events, is a narrative that I've done to help the reader comprehend such an account. I make this narrative at the present time, so the reader has the sensation of experiencing the events, such as a journey through the future!

All affirmations made here match what is said in the Word of God, the Bible. This, I demonstrate through the references placed in the footnotes of each page. I recommend the reader search and read the texts in their own Bible. This will make all the difference!

Because God loves you, I have conviction that he'll bless you richly in this journey to understand the future.



DEFINITIONS

Before we speak of events appropriately, it's necessary to know some truth revealed in the Bible. Understanding the biblical meaning of some terms, concepts, and events will help greatly with the comprehension of the narrative.

To the definitions:

God

It's spirit¹, the creator², and the one who maintains the continuity of all things³. He reveals himself to us as the Father⁴, the Son⁵, and the Holy Spirit⁶, three equal in essence⁷, who coexist⁸ as a single God. Beyond him and outside of him, there's no God⁹. He (God) is the first cause of absolutely everything we can think of; skies, the earth, light, darkness, living beings, and even eternity exists from God¹⁰.

Heaven

Heaven is a divine creation, God's throne¹¹, and also the habitation locale of the spiritual beings.

Heaven and the universe

Heaven and the universe coexist in the same space¹², however, in different spheres. Heaven belongs to the spiritual sphere, while the universe is to the material sphere.

¹ John 4.24 ² John 1.3 ³ Colossians 1.17 ⁴ 2 Peter 1.17 ⁵ 2 Peter 1.1 ⁶ Acts 5.3-4
⁷ John 14.9 and 2 Corinthians 3.17 ⁸ Matthew 3.16-17 ⁹ Isaiah 45.5 ¹⁰ Titus 1.2 and Isaiah 9.6
¹¹ Isaiah 66.1 ¹² Acts 7.55-56

The attributes of God

They're characteristics that make up his being, and that reveal to us who he is, how he acts, and what he expects of us. When we speak of divine attributes, we say: he is, instead of he has. God is love¹, kindness, fidelity, sanctity, mercy, and justice. He's also: omniscient (he who possesses all knowledge)², omnipresent (he who is present in all places)³, omnipotent (he who can do all things)⁴.

The term "Lord"

When applied to God, it means that he's the highest authority over everything and everyone. Being the creator and maintainer of all things, everything and everyone belong to him, being to him subjected⁵.

The kingdom of God

It consists of different aspects. Generally, we can define it as the sovereign king (God) exercising his just right to govern and those (his subjects) over whom he governs. These are only part of the kingdom because they fulfill certain requirements⁶. The main one is that they subject themselves voluntarily to God's will, the sovereign king⁷.

¹ 1 John 4.8
⁷ Matthew 7.21

² 1 John 3.20

³ Psalms 33.13-15

⁴ Job 42.2

⁵ Psalms 103.19

⁶ 1 Corinthians 6.9-11

The angels, archangels, seraphim, and cherubim.

The angels¹, archangels², seraphim³, and cherubim⁴ are being created to love, adore, and serve God. They have a beginning, but not an end to their existence. They're morally responsible beings, that is, capable of making choices and being responsible for them. They belong to the spiritual sphere⁵.

World

In the scriptures, this term has three main meanings. First, referring to the planet Earth in the meaning of a physical place⁶; second, to the people that live on the planet⁷ and, lastly, to a system of things that avert men from God⁸.

The revolt of the celestial beings

Event that initiated when one of the cherubim became haughty due to the elevated position he occupied⁹. Thought he could make opposition to God. In his foolishness, seduced a third of the angels in heaven¹⁰, who went on to follow him. As a consequence of this rebellion, they've become fallen beings. The cherubim became known as Satan, the devil, serpent, or dragon. While the angels who followed him became known as demons, devil's angels, foul spirits, and evil spirits.

¹ Matthew 18.10

² Jude 1.9

³ Isaiah 6.1-3

⁴ Genesis 3.23-24

⁵ Hebrews 1.13-14

⁶ Psalms 24.1

⁷ John 3.16

⁸ 1 John 2.15-16

⁹ Ezekiel 28.12-19

¹⁰ Revelation 12.3-4

Man

A morally responsible being. They have a beginning¹, but not an end to their existence². Was created to love, serve, and adore God. They're made of three parts: body, soul, and spirit. Even dying, it's determined that one day, they are to be resurrected to then follow, composed of three parts, their existence in eternity³.

The fall of man

Event in which Adam and Eve, the first humans, preferred to give heed to Satan instead of God. In the woman's case, being deceived, was led to believe that God was a liar and an egoist. After sinning (disobeying God), Eve persuaded her husband to do the same. Therefore both, because of the sin committed, experienced death⁴.

Death

It's a consequence of the sin in human nature⁵. God constitutes as the only source of life of all beings. No creature has life in itself. When man sinned, they lost the communion with God⁶ e consequently no longer had access to the life in him. Death, in all its aspects, is the result of this separation.

¹ Genesis 1.27

² Romans 2.7-8 and Daniel 12.2

³ Daniel 12.2

⁴ Genesis 3.1-24

⁵ Genesis 2.16-17

⁶ Isaiah 59.1-2

Death in the spirit

It's through the spirit, one of the components of their own being, that man had access to God and to the life that is in him. Once this communication was interrupted, the spirit of man becomes like a lamp turned off. For this reason, despite existing, one finds themselves spiritually dead¹.

Death in the body

The destruction of the body as we know isn't something permanent, for man, in the form of three parts, was created to live eternally. The separation from the physical body is something temporary. One day all men, through the resurrection, will be restored to the condition of their creation², in body, soul, and spirit, properly adjusted, and will continue their existence in eternity.

The second death

It's the condition of eternal suffering imposed on those who refused reconciliation with God. After the resurrection of the body, this individual, having been judged for their rebellious attitude against the creator, will occupy their eternal spot in the lake of fire³.

¹ Ephesians 2.1-3

² Daniel 12.2

³ Revelation 20.15 and Matthew 25.46

The saints

The word “saint” means ‘separated from sin’. The Bible calls saints those amongst men who, through faith in Jesus, were reconciled with God¹. All true Christians are considered by God as saints. These people asserted themselves with the merits acquired by Jesus through his death in the cross. For believing in him, the debt for the sin they had with God was canceled², and therefore are free from the eternal condemnation. They’re justified, that is, declared by God as blameless in relation to the matters involving sin³. Once forgiven by and reconciled with God, they’re free from the slavery of sin⁴.

The children of God

All men are creatures of God⁵. However, when they believe in Jesus, they become children of God⁶. In the Bible, this process is called ‘adoption’⁷.

The church of God

It’s a collective body composed of individuals from different peoples, tribes, languages, and nations, whom, through Jesus Christ, were reconciled with God. They’ve become his children⁸.

¹ Romans 5.1-2 ² Colossians 2.13-15 ³ Romans 8.1-9 ⁴ Revelation 1.5, 1 John 3.9 and John 8.32
⁵ Mark 16.15 ⁶ John 1.12 ⁷ Ephesians 1.5 ⁸ Romans 12.4-5 and Hebrews 12.22-24

The word church means “called outside”. In this case, outside the world (system organized that opposes God’s will).

The rise of Christ

It was the occasion in which Jesus, after fulfilling his mission on Earth, returned to the celestial Father. This event happened forty days after his resurrections when the disciples, having been with him, saw him rising up until he was beyond a cloud. The same reveals characteristics of the return of Jesus to this Earth. For it’s said that, as we could see him rising up, it would be possible to see him returning¹.

Paradise

It’s the place where those who departed from the world reconciled with God, awaited for the resurrection². It was initially found in the heart of the Earth³. When he rose to the heavens, Jesus took it with him⁴. It’s presently found under the golden altar before God’s throne⁵. In speaking of this place, the Bible calls it “captivity”⁶ only because those who are there have no physical bodies, restricting their liberty. It’s the case, for example, of a baby who finds themselves captive in the mother’s womb.

¹ Acts 1.10-11

² Luke 23.39-43

³ Matthew 12.40

⁴ Ephesians 4.7-10

⁵ Revelation 6.9-11

⁶ Ephesians 4.7-10

Events of the judgment

These are divine resolutions that aim to punish the sins of a person, nation, or even of all mankind¹. The Bible records several occasions in which such punishments happened. We can cite as examples the flood² from Noah's time, the destructions of the cities, Sodom and Gomorrah, in Abraham's time³, and the plagues cast over Egypt in Moses' time⁴.

The principle of pains

These are sufferings caused to mankind by the occurrence of wars, natural catastrophes, epidemics, and hunger. These are predicted to happen in the world until the time of judgment⁵.

The "last days" or "end of times"

Period of time between the birth of Jesus⁶ and the final judgment⁷.

Period of judgment

Occasion in which God will intervene in history with the objective of taking possession of the kingdom that belongs to him and punish the sins of mankind⁸. This period will last seven years⁹.

¹ Romans 2.4-8 ² Genesis 7.1-24 ³ Genesis 19.1-28 ⁴ Exodus chapters 7 to 14 ⁵ Matthew 24.6-8
⁶ 1 Peter 1.3-5 ⁷ John 12.48 ⁸ Revelation 14.6-7 ⁹ Daniel 9.27

Its beginning will come with the coming of the antichrist¹ in the world and will be concluded with the return of Jesus to Earth².

The great tribulation

The moment when the punishments decided for the judgment period will start to happen³. These will grow in intensity as time goes by. They'll reach their peak at the end of the seven years, in the last 45 days of the judgment⁴, when God's wrath will befall those who rejected him⁵.

God's seal

In the context of the judgment, it's a spiritual mark, used to distinguish those who belong to God and those who don't⁶.

The rapture

It's the event in which Jesus will remove from this planet the Christians who obeyed him⁷. These, still living, in a blink of an eye, will be taken to be with God⁸. Those in paradise will also participate in this event. These, once resurrected, will be united with all the others, transformed, and will be taken to meet Jesus in the air, from hence will always be with the Lord. Learn more about the topic on page 183.

¹ 2 Thessalonians 2.1-6 and Revelation 6.1-2

² Apocalipse 19.11-21

³ Mark 13.19

⁴ See page 187

⁵ Revelation 16.1-21

⁶ Revelation 7.2-3

⁷ Matthew 24.40-44 and 1 John 2.28

⁸ 1 Corinthians 15.51-52

The first resurrection

It's the resurrection of which all those who reconciled with God in all eras will be part of. This one will take effect at the time of the rapture¹, extending up to until the end of the seven years, at the time when Jesus will return to Earth ².

The mystery of God

It's the eternal union of God with men³. The mystery of God is fulfilled when Jesus commands the dead to resurrect and the living to be transformed to later be led to God's throne, through the rapture⁴.

Book of Life

A register that can be found in heaven and that has the names of all who were reconciled with God in all ages, who will not suffer the damage of the second death. To say that someone's name is written in the book of life is the same as saying it is written in the heavens⁵.

The lake of fire

It's an environment capable of producing suffering onto those who are there⁶. This torment will be caused by the action of fire and brimstone⁷.

¹ 1Thessalonians 4.16

² Revelation 19.11-21

³ Revelation 10.7 and Ephesians 5.32

⁴ 1 Thessalonians 4.16-17 and Revelation 12.5

⁵ Luke 10.20 and Philippians 4.3

⁶ Matthew 25.41-46

⁷ Revelation 21.8

It was prepared by God to punish Satan and his angels¹. It will also be the eternal dwelling place of those who refused God's love to be saved².

The term "antichrist"

It's formed by the junction of two words: "anti", a prefix of Greek origin that indicates opposition to something, and "Christ", which means "anointed". Therefore, "antichrist" is a term used to indicate someone who opposes the work of the one who was sent by God the Father to save mankind. In this case, it's an opposition to the work of Jesus, the Christ. The Bible affirms that many antichrists have surged throughout history³.

The spirit of the antichrist

It's an influence that manifests itself in several areas of human life (philosophies, religions, culture, politics, etc)⁴. The objective is to deny that God made himself man, that is, came to be as flesh and bone⁵. It doesn't deny that Jesus existed nor that he died in the cross, but denies that he was who he said he was: the God almighty who, becoming 100% human, did all that was necessary to give eternal life to those who believed in him⁶.

¹ Matthew 25.41

² Revelation 20.15, Matthew 25.46 and 2 Thessalonians 2.10

³ 1 John 2.18

⁴ 1 John 4.3

⁵ 1 John 4.2-3

⁶ 1 John 2.21-22

The person of antichrist

Although it's known that many antichrists manifested themselves throughout history, on a specific occasion, one will stand out. He is known as the "son of damnation" and "man of iniquity"¹. He'll be a person who'll surge in the world little before the beginning of the judgment period², constituting as the main tool through which Satan will create a kingdom on Earth³.

The false prophet

A man responsible for influencing the world to adore Satan and the antichrist⁴. He'll only arise in the worldly stage at the half of the seven years of the judgment⁵. This will be when the kingdom of the antichrist takes shape⁶.

The manifestation of the antichrist

The emergence of the antichrist will be allowed by God as a punishment to the humanity that has persisted in rejecting him⁷. It'll be divided into two stages. Firstly, his revelation to the world⁸. Still without letting himself be known as the antichrist, this man will promote a peaceful alliance between many peoples.

¹

²Thessalonians 2.1-3

²

Daniel 9.27 and Revelation 6.2

³

Revelation 13.2

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Revelation 13.11-12

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see page183

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Revelation 13.11-18

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Isaiah 28.22 and 2 Peter 3.7

⁸

2 Thessalonians 2.1-3

It will be signed to last seven years. This way, he'll start to stand out as one of the important leaders in the world¹. Secondly, three years and a half after the celebrated alliance, that is, half of the concerted period, the antichrist himself will break it². It's when he'll reveal himself as an opponent to God. From this point onward, his true intentions will be exposed, which will collaborate to having him forming a kingdom on Earth³.

The kingdom of the antichrist

The political system formed by the antichrist and ten leaders submissive to him⁴. It's through this kingdom that Satan, in three and a half years, will govern the world⁵.

The abyss

It's a place belonging to the spiritual sphere⁶. It's found in the center of the Earth⁷. It's a place where the demons don't want to go⁸. It's where some of the beings and things that will be used by God during the judgment can be found⁹.

¹ Daniel 9.27 e Revelation 6.2

² Daniel 9.27

³ Revelation 13.1-10

⁴ Revelation 17.12-13

⁵ Revelation 13.5 ⁶ Luke 16.19-31

⁷ Numbers 16.31-33

⁸ Luke 8.27-31

⁹ Revelation 9.1-5

The return of Jesus

Event in which Jesus, who at this moment is with God the Father¹, returns to this world as promised². This event will mark the end of the judgment period³. It'll be the occasion in which the kingdom of God will become visible⁴.

The thousand years of the reign of Christ on Earth

It's the time determined for until all things are completely subjugated to God's will⁵. It'll start with the return of Jesus to Earth. This number is not symbolic, it'll be one literal thousand years, exactly as it's said in the prophecy⁶.

The final judgment

Moment when the dead who had no part in the first resurrection will appear before God's court to be judged for what works they've practiced during their lives. At this moment, all those whose names weren't written in the book of life will be condemned to eternal suffering⁷. It'll also be the moment in which some angels will be judged⁸.

¹ Acts 7.54-55

² Matthew 24.29-31

³ Revelation 19.11-21

⁴ Revelation 11.15-17

⁵ 1 Corinthians 15.25-26

⁶ Revelation 20.6

⁷ Revelations 20.11-15

⁸ Judah 1.6

New heavens and new Earth

After the destruction of the current Earth and heavens, God will create a new heaven and a new Earth¹. It's where he'll inhabit eternally with the humans² whose names were written in the book of life³.

The seven seals

These are Revelation contained in the book of Revelation. They reveal aspects of things that will happen in a timeline of four periods: seven years, thousand years, period after the thousand years, and eternal day⁴.

The seven trumpets

It's God's way of marking the beginning of each of the events of the judgment⁵. Each trumpet, once played, produces events that will end before the next ones are played⁶.

The seven goblets

Are the mean through which God will manifest his wrath onto those in humanity who became the followers of Satan and the antichrist⁷. Each of these goblets, upon being poured on Earth, will manifest a different kind of punishment⁸. These will happen in the last 45 days of the judgment time⁹.

¹ Revelation 21.1

⁶ Revelation 10.7

² Revelation 21.3

⁷ Revelation 16.1

³ Luke 10.20

⁸ Revelation 16.1-21

⁴ Revelation 5.1-2

⁹ See page187

⁵ Revelation 8.6

Eternal day

It's an eternal state, from which hence things will no longer suffer any kind of alteration as they're subjugated and aligned, in perfect order, to God's will¹. It has its beginning after the conclusion of the judgment before the white throne.

¹
2 Peter 3.18



GOD'S JUDGMENT
IS ANNOUNCED

In order to comprehend the things he'll do from the moment the judgment period begins, God mentions things he's done on two occasions. The first happened around 1400 b.C in a place known as the valley of Gibeon. The second on the mount Perazim, in 1000 b.C.

"The Lord will rise up as he did at Mount Perazim, he will rouse himself as in the Valley of Gibeon, to do his work, his strange work, and perform his task, his alien task. Now stop your mocking, or your chains will become heavier; the Lord, the Lord Almighty, has told me of the destruction decreed against the whole land." Isaiah 28.21-22

The event at the valley of Gibeon

At that moment, Israel faced one of the peoples of the region of Canaan. They were known then Amorites¹. There were five kings, each whom governed a city. They had united in trying to impede Israel from advancing through the region of Canaan. Then God, in order to give victory to his people, did extraordinary things. During the battle, he confounded the Amorite army. When trying to run away, he made rocks fall from the skies onto them. And more, he impeded the sun from moving for nearly twelve hours, extending the day to give Israel time to exterminate them.

¹
Joshua 10.1-14

The event at the mount Perazim

In another time, it was the Philistines, enemy people, who gathered to attempt to capture David¹, king and military commander of Israel. The king asked the Lord he'd deliver them to his hands. The answer was positive. Israel then faced and defeated them. Sometime later, they'd threatened David again. The king then turned again to seeking guidance from the Lord. The answer was the same, but this time, the Lord changed the battle strategy: they wouldn't face them directly, like before, but would instead ascend from behind the site where they'd set up camp. Once passing by the mulberry trees found there, they'd hear a loud clang on the treetops, that being the signal that the Lord had gone ahead of them in the battle. They had to then attack quickly. Thus, they've done it, and by the second time, the Philistines were defeated.

God interferes in history

Both experiences narrated above have something in common: God intervened in history. And we should be conscious of this reality, for *God has interfered and still interferes in history*. In the days of the end, he'll do things even more impressive than those done on the mount Perazim and on the valley of Gibeon. However, this time, it won't be to deal with the enemies of Israel, but with humanity that has rejected him.

¹
1Crônicas 14.8-17

At that time, strange things will happen like never before in history; elements belonging to the spiritual sphere, until then unknown to humanity, but very much real, will take shape in the material sphere. We find many stories of these kinds of manifestations in the Bible. In the Garden of Eden, for example, the man could extend his hand and eat the fruit from the tree of life¹, something belonging to the spiritual sphere. The patriarch Abraham was visited by angels who interacted with the material sphere by eating meals that had been prepared to them². In this same episode, God brought forth fire and brimstone that, falling from the skies, consumed the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah³. The wife of Lot, Abraham's nephew, upon gazing at such incandescent elements, was turned into a salt statue. In another instance, the earth opened up so that the still living opponents of Moses would fall into the abyss⁴. Elijah, the prophet, was transported to the heavens in a carriage of fire⁵. In all these instances, and in many others, things and beings from the spiritual sphere interacted with things and beings from the material sphere, which is to us a sample of what will happen when comes the time for God's judgment over the rebel humanity to be fulfilled⁶.

There won't be a clash between the forces of good and evil

We shouldn't think that the coming of the judgment will be constituted of a clash between the forces of good and evil. No creature is match to the Creator.

¹ Genesis 3.22-24

² Genesis 18.1-8

³ Genesis 19.23-29

⁴ Numbers 16.31-33

⁵ 2 Kings 2.11

⁶ Joel 2.1-11

Making a comparison of the inequality of forces, we may think of it as saying that a group of worms in your backyard has decided to face you in order to evict your family from home and that, because of this, a great and bloody battle was about to occur! Nothing furthest from reality. Before God, Satan, the demons, and the rebel humanity are insignificant¹. God will only permit an apparent confrontation to fulfill that which God the Father told Jesus:

“Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.” Psalm 110.1

Now, after being resurrected, Jesus returned to the side of God the Father, sat by his right hand, and awaits until God the Father subjugates all of his enemies, when he'll then rise and return triumphant to Earth².

There will be no warning signs.

The world has witnessed many things that, to some, are signals that those days are approaching: wars, rumors of wars, famines, epidemics, and natural catastrophes. However, these things have already been happening on a smaller or larger scale throughout the centuries. They're not signals that the judgment approaches, but that we live in the time of the beginning of the pains³. No signal will be given humanity beyond the prophecies⁴. If someone doesn't believe the warnings given through the Word of God, they won't believe yet that someone resurrects from the dead to warn them⁵.

¹ Isaiah 40.12-26

² Revelation 19.11-21

³ Matthew 24.7-8

⁴ Luke 11.29.32

⁵ Luke 16.31

Both the unbelievers and the heedless Christians, those who don't take God seriously, who don't fear his Word, will be caught by surprise by the coming of the judgment¹ the same way one is caught by surprise with a robber at night².

The wise Christians will be permanently attentive and waiting for the fulfillment of God's promise that the time of judgment will come³.

¹ Luke 17.26-30 ² Matthew 24.42-44 ³ Matthew 24.44



THE TIME OF
JUDGMENT BEGINS

I've prepared a clock to facilitate your comprehension of where each event fits in the timeline of the final moments. It'll show up on the initial page of the account of each event.

Meanings

The numbers from 0 to 7 indicate the period of seven years. The crescent strip, a thousand years. The empty space between the crescent and endless strips indicates the instance when the court of the judgment by the white throne will be prepared, and the endless strip will represent the eternal day.

The pointer shows where the event in question finds itself in this timeline. In the case below, three and a half years after the judgment period initiated.

timeline



Authorship of the clock: Marcelo Marin

November/2018

1st Event

THE ANTICHRIST APPEARS TO THE WORLD

Timeline



Revelation 6.2

“I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow; and he was given a crown; and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest...”

The first event of this series that guides us through the happenings of the end is the coming of the antichrist. This is the event that shows that the time of the judgment has begun¹.

At this moment, generally, we're living in a state of normalcy. Nothing different from what we've lived with for centuries before². Fulfilled is the prophecy that spoke that a leader would rise and make an alliance for seven years with many nations³. There's no doubt that such leader is the antichrist. Thus, we know that in a few days, signs will emerge, initiating the beginning of the great tribulation⁴. These are the 'opening in grand style' of this period. God had already said that he'd do nothing at all on earth without first revealing to his prophets⁵. Everything that will happen has already been written. Therefore, we, who know the prophecies, know exactly what will happen henceforward!

A man like the others

This antichrist, who is now present, is a human being like any other⁶. He was generated naturally like all other people. He was born from a woman. His father is of flesh and bone. He's not an incarnation of Satan or of any demon. The proof of that is that the Bible calls him a man⁷. The difference between him and the other human beings is not in his nature, but in his purpose in life.

¹ Revelation 6.2

² Matthew 24.37-39

³ Daniel 9.27

⁴ Revelation 8.5-6

⁵ Amos 3.7

⁶ 2 Thessalonians 2.3

⁷ 2 Thessalonians 2.3

It's someone who connected intimately with Satan like no other human in history. Someone whose eternal damnation is already predicted, for he's also called "son of damnation"¹. He comes to lead men to an unprecedented revolt against God². His manifestation was only allowed because it's a divine judgment³. Upon being exposed, he'll point to those who have persisted in loving the darkness and spite the light⁴. To these, it's sent a spirit of error so that they'll believe the lie⁵. Jesus came in the name of God the Father speaking the truth and has been rejected by the majority of the people of the world. This one in his own name came speaking lies and is being accepted⁶. He has not yet shown his true colors, but this event will serve to prove those who inhabit the Earth⁷. He'll be a divider of waters in which it will separate those who belong and those who don't belong to God⁸. It's through this man that the world will receive the just reward for their choices⁹.

His rise will be by supernatural means

At this moment, the antichrist still presents himself as a man of peace¹⁰. But this won't last for long because, as soon as the rapture occurs¹¹, he'll have no more restraints to show his real face¹².

¹ 2 Thessalonians 2.3

² Daniel 7.25

³ Revelation 6.2 and 2 Thessalonians 2.9-12

⁴ John 3.19 and Revelation 13.4-6

⁵ 2 Thessalonians 2.9-11

⁶ John 5.43

⁷ Revelation 3.10

⁸ Matthew 3.12 e 13.30

⁹ 2 Thessalonians 2.9-12

¹⁰ 1 Thessalonians 5.3

¹¹ See page 183

¹² 2 Thessalonians 2.7-8

With Satan's help, he'll do amazing things¹, which will lead him to conquer a prominent place in the world². This will be allowed for humanity to be deceived, for they've preferred the lie³.

At this point, the Jews, besides having rebuilt the temple of Jerusalem, will return to offering sacrifices according to the law given to Israel through Moses⁴. The world now, after such pact promoted by the antichrist, lives a moment of great expectations of peace and safety.

¹
2 Thessalonians 2.9

²
Revelation 13.4

³
2 Thessalonians 2.9-12

⁴
2 Thessalonians 2.4, Revelation 11.1-2 and Daniel 9.27

2nd Event

SIGNALS OCCUR ON

HEAVEN AND EARTH

timeline



Revelation 8.5

“Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth. and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.”

While on Earth, the antichrist assumes his place, in heaven, seven angels stand before God's throne. To them are handed seven trumpets that soon should be played¹. Another angel, having a censer in hand, turns to the golden altar that is found before God's throne. Upon approach, he fills it with fire and casts it on Earth. In this instant, occur around the whole planet, thunder, voices, lightning, and an earthquake². This catches the attention of all mankind, for it is an announcement that the time of judgment has come. Exactly as it had been foretold in the prophecy:

"The Lord Almighty will comewith thunder and earthquake and great noise, with windstorm and tempest and flames of a devouring fire."

Isaiah 29.6

Until then, only we who had knowledge of the prophecies know that the judgment is underway. Once these signals occur, all of humanity takes notice of this³.

The arrival of this time was already being expected by all those who love God⁴. It's the fulfillment of the promise He'd done to put an end to the injustice, the malice and the arrogance of a world that has persisted in turning its back to him⁵. Both the rebel men and the fallen angels will be punished⁶. Even the current heaven, which one day was the stage of the revolt promoted by Satan, in the end, will cease to exist⁷.

¹ Revelation 8.2

² Revelation 8.3-5

³ Revelation 6.15-17

⁴ Romans 8.19 and Revelation 22.17

⁵ Malachi 4.1

⁶ 2 Peter 3.7 and Isaiah 24.21

⁷ Hebrews 12.26-28 and Revelation 21.5

In three and a half years, Satan and his demons will be expelled from the celestial regions, which will produce great rejoicing amongst all who inhabit heaven¹.

“In that day the Lord will punish the powers in the heavens above and the kings on the earth below.” Isaiah 24.21

Things will begin to change.

The occurrence of these signals, as we were seeing now, is the evident proof that things started to change, both on Earth as in heaven. The Bible had already symbolically compared this moment to the pains of childbirth². On the one hand, suffering; in another, the joy of having a child to the world. The arrival of this time is that affliction necessary for the birth of a new and endless period in which there will be no sin, nor death, nor any suffering for all those who believe and decided to love God³. For these and other reasons, it's why the period of the great tribulation begins like this, with an “opening in great style”, something to catch the attention of all of humanity. Later, in approximately seven years⁴, these same signals will repeat, marking the moment of closure of the judgment period⁵. However, the earthquake that will happen in that instance will be much more intense; it'll destroy all cities on the planet.⁶

¹ Revelation 12.7-12

⁵ Revelation 16.18

² 1 Thessalonians 5.3

⁶ Revelation 16.18-20

³ Revelation 21.3-7 e João 3.16

⁴ Daniel 9.27

Voices

The voices that were heard along with the thunder, the lightning, and the earthquake, came from the heavens, from the spiritual sphere. God had already said that, as soon as the judgment was initiated, he'd do extraordinary things, similar to those done at the mount Perazim¹, instance in which David and his men heard the loud clang by the treetops². It's what we're seeing here at the start of the judgment time.

People of all nations will be marked.

At this moment, those who belong to God will receive a spiritual mark (seal).

"Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." Revelation 7.2-3

The objective is to preserve from the punishments to befall over the world those who serve God and those who, during the judgment time, have repented for their sins.

¹ Isaiah 28.21-22

² 1 Chronicles 14.15

The book of Revelation shows us that the Jews who, in the end, recognized Jesus as the Messiah¹, and Isaiah shows us that this will also be given to the people of other nations². God knows who are those who, once seeing such events, will repent. Therefore, anticipating things by marking them to be preserved. What is in sight here is God still loving the people and giving them opportunities for salvation³, independently of their nationality⁴.

¹ Revelation 7.1-8

² Isaiah 19.23-25

³ Luke 9.51-56 and 1 Timothy 2.1-4

⁴ Galatians 3.27-29

3rd Event

A THIRD PART OF THE EARTH, THE TREES,
AND ALL HERBS ARE BURNED

Timeline



Revelation 8.7

“The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down on the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green herb was burned up.”

In the heavens, the seven angels who had received their trumpets¹ prepared to play them². The first angel plays his trumpet. Immediately, hail and fire mixed with blood are hurled onto the earth³. Such elements, once crossed the skies, touch the surface of the earth. On all continents and even in the most remote islands, the people could see the strange rain falling. In any place where people are rejecting the love of God, this punishment will manifest⁴. But the people aren't being directly punished, only nature is. God wishes that, upon seeing such things, men will repent for having chosen sin and turn to him⁵.

The fire

Upon touching the ground, these incandescent rocks will make spots of fire surge all across. There's fire everywhere, cities, camps, and even in remote places such as islands. No place on earth escapes this judgment. Houses, edifices, vehicles, forests, and even low grass are being consumed by fire.

A third

After some time, the fire extinguishes itself. The result was that a third part of the earth, the trees, and all green herbs was burned⁶.

¹ Revelation 8.2

² Revelation 8.6

³ Revelation 8.7

⁴ Matthew 24.28

⁵ Ezequiel 18.23 e Malachi 3.6

⁶ Revelation 8.7

A state of calamity

The people begin a desperate search for food. The violence multiplies. Men reach the point of taking the lives of others in the dispute for a little bit of sustenance. There's no transport, energy, fuel, medicines. Nothing works, not even the communication systems. The whole world is in a state of calamity.

Famine

The planet's capacity to sustain humanity after a great fire was drastically compromised. There's an expressive interruption in the productive chain of all countries. The world now experiences a crisis of subsistence without precedents in its history.

Disease and animal attacks

People start to sicken. As time passes, the violence increases even further. Animals begin to starve because of the rupture of the food chain that fed the whole world. The scarcity of prey makes so that in some regions of the world, people get attacked by ferocious animals¹, and many deaths occur for this reason.

¹

Revelation 6.8

4th Event

A THIRD PART OF THE OCEANS TURN TO BLOOD

timeline



Revelation 8.8-9

“The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood, a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.”

The second angel, in heaven, plays his trumpet, and something like a giant mountain ablaze hurls into the earth. Such object is thrown from the sky, having as target the waters of the sea¹. God had already promised that in this instance he'd do strange works, things never witnessed by humanity, and it's exactly this that we're seeing here.

A third of the oceans are hit

The great mountain ablaze with fire crosses the heavens. Upon clashing with the ocean, it produces gigantic waves. These cause tsunamis². A great part of the maritime fleet is destroyed³. Even the great ships and oil rigs are swallowed by the waves that form. The sea where such mountain falls, little by little, turns denser and darker, turning into blood⁴. Soon, a third part of the saltwater of the planet is hit, causing the death of all living beings found there⁵.

Men faint in terror

The gust of wind coming from the sea brings to earth an odor of blood that soon can be felt all across the planet. The howl produced by the unrest of the waters caused by such an impact is so intense it can be heard from a great distance. It's something so terrifying that many men faint in terror, for it reminds them that worse things are yet to come⁶.

¹ Revelation 8.8

² Luke 21.25-26

³ Revelation 8.9

⁴ Revelation 8.8

⁵ Revelation 8.9

⁶ Luke 21.25-26

5th Event

A THIRD PART OF THE FRESH WATER TURNS BITTER

Timeline



Revelation 8.10-11

“The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. The name of the star is Wormwood; and a third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.”

There's no more blood in the seas, the waters have returned to their normal state. In heaven, the third angel sounds his trumpet, and immediately, a being called Wormwood touches the fresh waters of the planet¹.

No human being can see this scene. The way God conduces this punishment is similar to what occurs when a spirit of sickness has access to a person's body. It causes a disfunction that leads them to fall ill². Something similar happens here. A third part of the fresh waters of the planet, upon being touched by this being, become diseased and turn bitter.

There are many dead, and others have already died for consuming such waters³. The tension, which was already great due to the decrease in the food supply, grows even further with this punishment.

A third

The percentage of a third doesn't mean to say that, for example, a territory such as Europe was hit while Asia wasn't, but that since the judgment is on all of humanity that has rejected God, there's a decrease of one third in the availability of freshwater in the whole planet.

¹ Revelation 8.10-11

² Luke 13.10-13

³ Revelation 8.11

6th Event

A THIRD PART OF THE SUN, THE MOON AND THE STARS TURN DARK

Timeline



Revelation 8.12

“The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.”

The waters are no longer bitter. Then the fourth angel, in heaven, sounds his trumpet. Immediately, the sun, moon, and stars are injured, which decreases a third of the clarity from both day and night¹.

Sun and moon were created by God so that the earth would be illuminated. They represent the continuity of the order which God established when he created the universe². Now he injures them, demonstrating that times are indeed changing.

Way beyond the execution of a determined sentence that aims to punish the transgressions of a generation, what we see here is the shift in God's relationship with humanity. It's not that he's stopped loving mankind, but that he simply has no intention of giving continuity to things as they are.

This even is like the end of a party, in which the host, in order to grab the attention of the inattentive guests, starts to turn off the lights. It's as if the Lord were saying: "I've reached the limit! There's no way to continue the way it is! End of the party! The time where you do whatever you want has ended. From now on, all those who have rejected me will receive just retribution that their acts deserve."

Then, the world turns colder and darker.

¹ Revelation 8.12

² Genesis 1.14-18

7th Event

SUN AND SKY ARE COVERED
BY SMOKE FROM THE ABYSS

Timeline



Revelation 9.1-11

“The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. And out of the smoke locusts came... They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon.”

Sun, moon, and stars shine as they used to again. In heaven, the fifth angel sounds his trumpet. A fallen angel receives authority to open a channel that connects the abyss to the surface of the earth¹. We've already seen that this abyss is a spiritual place found in the interior of the earth. It's from it that comes the elements of this punishment. From this trumpet, the fifth, there will be no more mercy; men will be punished directly and mercilessly. However, as we've seen, God will preserve those already sealed², not just those who reconciled with him, but all those who, among all nations, are about to turn to him!

The link between the abyss and the surface of the earth is then open. This has happened once in the past. The instance, around 1500 years before the birth of Jesus, some men amongst the people of Israel opposed Moses. As punishment, the earth opened up, and they fell still living into the abyss³. Now, in order to execute the punishment, God permits that this chasm be opened again; this time on the inverse, so that the things found in there take shape on the surface of the earth⁴.

The smoke spreads through the whole planet

Then arises a strange smoke that, as if coming from an enormous erupting volcano, spreads quickly around the whole planet. Cities, fields, forests, mountains, islands, and even the surface of the seas are covered by it.

¹ Revelation 9.1-2

² Ezekiel 9.4, Revelation 7.2-3 and Isaiah 19.24-25

³ Numbers 16.31-33

⁴ Revelation 9.2

The sun's glow can't be seen¹. Then, suddenly, strange locusts start to come from the smoke, attacking the men who don't belong to God². These little beings are smart, capable of following orders³. People can't escape their attacks. Not even can they guard against it, for they appear abruptly from the midst the smoke. They attack the men with stings whose symptoms are much like the stings of scorpions⁴. They cause pain, punctures, increased heart rate, and diminishment of body temperature. It's such an intense torment that some, not enduring it, try to escape through suicide. But it's futile; incredibly, people can't take their own lives. God doesn't allow them to die⁵. Such people, even injured, remain alive! Those who have rejected God are forced to bear such judgment until the end. The earth becomes a frightening place.

Five months gone by since the emergence of the strange smoke, it and the locusts disappear⁶.

¹ Revelation 9.2
⁵ Revelation 9.6

² Revelation 9.3-4
⁶ Revelation 9.5

³ Revelation 9.11

⁴ Revelation 9.5

8th Event

A THIRD PART OF THE EARTH'S POPULATION IS EXTERMINATED

Timeline



Revelation 9.13-21

“The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the four horns of the golden altar that is before God. It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet: Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates. And the four angels, who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind... The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk. Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.”

Gone by the days of the fifth angel's voice, God allows men to die again. The sixth angel, in heaven, sounds his trumpet. He receives them an order to release the four angels found bound, on earth, at the great river Euphrates¹. They're found tied, thus have a ferocious nature. They only await the moment of release to cause destruction to humanity. They command an army of two hundred thousand beings that², with them, are equally ferocious. All of these belong to the spiritual sphere.

The scripture shows us that the hour, the day, the month, the year of this even have already been marked to happen³, demonstrating that God never left humanity to chance.

Strange beings appear

Man, those who were injured by the locusts, are still recovering from the suffering caused by their stingers. Then it starts to appear in the world the army of beings commanded by the four angels who were tied at the river Euphrates. This time, they're knights mounted in strange horses whose heads resemble the head of a lion. From their mouths are released smoke, fire, and sulfur that hit and kill men. Their tails also have heads, similar to the head of a serpent. Such heads are also capable of causing injury to men⁴.

¹ Revelation 9.13-14

² Revelation 9.16

³ Revelation 9.15

⁴ Revelation 9.13-19

They walk on all places

In all continents, these beings are sighted. They roam the cities, fields, valleys, and mountains in search of those who have not repented for their sins. Not even in islands or the high seas it's possible to escape. These are beings that act supernaturally. They climb houses, run over walls, enter through windows; nothing can stop them. It's no use attacking them! Wherever they go, the fire devours people. All who see them shiver, their faces ashen¹.

A third of the earth's population is killed

A third of the population is consumed by the actions of these beings commanded by these four angels who were tied to the great river Euphrates².

Mankind doesn't repent

The survivors of this plague still don't want to turn to God and stop worshipping the demons, the idols made out of gold, of silver, of copper, of stone and of wood, that can't even see, nor hear, nor walk. Neither do they want to abandon their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality, or their thefts³. Even having lived through the previous events and having full consciousness that they're divine punishments, they still don't want to detach from nor repent from their evil deeds. This is indeed more difficult to assimilate for us, who believe in the Word of God, than the things happening during the judgment.

¹ Joel 2.1-11

² Revelation 9.18

³ Revelation 9.20-21

9th Event

THE RAPTURE HAPPENS

Timeline



Revelation 7.9-12

“After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb. All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

In heaven, Jesus gives the order, so the dead resurrect. Then it's heard the voice of the archangel, and the seventh angel sounds his trumpet¹. Immediately, those who find themselves in paradise² resurrect³. Next, the living Christians, those who are on earth, the ones obedient to the Word of God⁴, are transformed⁵. Then all of these, living and resurrected dead, are taken to the clouds of heaven to meet with Jesus in the skies⁶. It's something that can't be perceived by the people of the world. Everything happens so fast. It's in a blink of an eye. Those who don't participate in this event see when people disappear⁷.

Fulfilled is the mystery of God

The rapture is inserted in the context of fulfillment of the mystery of God⁸. It's something necessary, the eternal union of God with man⁹. On the one hand, in believing in Jesus, his spirit unites to our spirit¹⁰, and thus, we're united with him. On the other hand, this union only reaches its maximum expression at the moment we're physically in the presence of God. The rapture enables this¹¹.

¹ 1 Thessalonians 4.16-17 and Revelation 11.15

² Daniel 12.13

³ Daniel 12.2

⁴ Matthew 25.1-13 and Revelation 3.10

⁵ 1 Corinthians 15.51-52

⁶ 1 Thessalonians 4.16-17

⁷ Matthew 24.40-41 ⁸ Revelation 10.6-7 and Ephesians 5.32

⁹ Revelation 21.3

¹⁰ 1 Corinthians 6.17

¹¹ See page 183

Why the “mystery of God”?

The way in which God acts in relation to man is something incomprehensible. No creature will be capable of fully understanding the reasons that led God to grant so many privileges to man. Therefore, when the Holy Spirit speaks of this union, he refers to it as “mystery”. Beyond that, it says that such is ‘fulfilled’ instead of saying that it’s revealed.

“But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.” Revelation 10.7

God the Father, through Jesus, makes an alliance with us¹ through which he gives us the power of becoming his children². He grants us his Holy Spirit³, which makes us partakers of his nature⁴. He welcomes us as members of his family⁵, which gives us the right to live eternally with him⁶. He puts us in the position of governors over all of creation, for it’s said that we, who were reconciled with God, will reign together with Christ for all of eternity⁷. And if all of that wasn’t enough, he’s prepared many other amazing things that will be revealed to us yet⁸.

Not even we, nor the angels or any other creature, even over all of eternity, will be capable of understanding why God acts this way with mankind. This is the great mystery of God!

¹ Matthew 26.27-28

² John 1.11-12

³ Acts 1.8, Romans 8.11 and Luke 11.13

⁴ 2 Peter 1.4

⁵ Ephesians 2.19

⁶ John 14.1-3 and Revelation 21.1-7

⁷ Revelation 22.5

⁸ Revelation 2.17-17

“This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.” Ephesians 5.32

The same then is fulfilled from the moment in which Jesus gives the order so the children of God who are in paradise and over the surface of the earth, be reunited with him in the clouds of heaven. It's this order that has as its unfolding the 9th event, the rapture¹.

“For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.” 1 Thessalonians 4.16

Once Jesus gives the order, the mystery of God is already considered fulfilled, and it's inevitable that occur in the sequence of deployments of this order.

The wedding of the Lamb

On speaking of the fulfillment of this mystery, the Holy Spirit utilizes the analogy of a marriage². This collective body, who are the children of God, is called the “bride of the Lamb”³, whom, upon participating in the “wedding of the Lamb”⁴ becomes the “wife of the Lamb”⁵.

The wedding start from the moment in which Jesus gives the order so that the dead resurrect and the living be transformed⁶, and only end after the conclusion of the thousand years.

¹ See page 183

² Ephesians 5.25-32

³ Revelation 22.17

⁴ Revelation 19.7

⁵ Revelation 19.7

⁶ 1 Thessalonians 4.16-17

This is because only on this occasion, after a thousand years, the bride will be complete. People will be born and will be saved during the thousand years. It's necessary to wait until this happens so that the "bride of the Lamb" be declared "wife of the Lamb". The idea of a conclusion to the wedding without all of the children of God being part of this bride is inconceivable. Thus, the reason why, when speaking of the wedding of the Lamb, the Holy Spirit announces its beginning saying: "have arrived the wedding of the Lamb", but leaves the matter of the conclusion open. Because of this, the announcement isn't made at the moment when the rapture happens, but at the moment Jesus returns to earth to give us the certainty that the wedding is on course.

"Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear. Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people." Revelation 19.7-8

The bride has made herself ready

But what does it mean this expression "and his bride has made herself ready"? It means that the children of God, while as bride, have gone through the process of transformation¹. This process occurs here on earth, where individually we're molded in the image of the Son of God, Jesus.

¹ Philippians 1.6

It's through this communion with him and one another that the children of God are transformed by the Holy Spirit¹. That's why God orders that we gather with our siblings².

It's this way, living as church, that throughout the centuries this bride has adorned herself to become "wife of the Lamb".

The children of God are led to the throne of the celestial Father

Right after the rapture, all are reunited with Jesus in the clouds of heaven and are after led to the throne of God the Father³. It's a crowd that no one can count. Peoples from all ethnicities, tribes, languages, and nations. All with palms in hands and dressed in white cloths. Around the throne are found the angels of heaven. Before the throne, the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures. The crowd of the children of God then speaks in a great voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." Revelation 7.10

Right after, the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down on their faces and worship God saying:

"Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" Revelation 7.12

¹ 1 John 1.7

² Hebrews 10.25

³ Revelation 7.9-17

The new and living path

It's initiated then the distribution of rewards¹. The children of God are then taken before the throne one by one, where their works will be revealed². What is seen here is how each one conducted themselves before the given daily challenge of doing the Father's will in contrast to their own will³. Jesus was the first to trek the path. He became human, obeyed the Father until death, and death on the cross⁴. He descended to paradise⁵, resurrected⁶, had his body transformed⁷, ascended to heaven⁸, and was taken to the presence of the Father, when then he received a reward for his painful work⁹. All of that as a man. We should note that he was the first Son of God to walk a path that would be walked by those who, believing in him, would become his siblings. The adoption of children is a gift of God, gratuitous, received through faith. This gift is also called God's grace¹⁰.

So, we're born, decide through faith to obey the Father¹¹, die¹², we're taken to paradise¹³ where we wait for the resurrection of the just¹⁴, the first resurrection¹⁵; once this occurs, we're transformed, raptured¹⁶ and taken to heaven¹⁷, where we're presented before God¹⁸. Exactly as it happened to Jesus.

For this reason, he's called "the first-born amongst the dead"¹⁹. He was the first man to make this journey.

¹ 2 Corinthians 5.10 ² 1 Corinthians 3.11-15 ³ Matthew 25.14-30 ⁴ Philippians 2.5-8 ⁵ Luke 23.39-43
⁶ Mark 16.6 ⁷ Revelation 1.5 and Acts 2.31 ⁸ Acts 1.6-9 ⁹ Daniel 7.13-14 ¹⁰ Ephesians 2.8-10
¹¹ Matthew 7.21 ¹² Hebrews 9.27 ¹³ Luke 23.39-43 ¹⁴ Daniel 12.2 and 12.13 ¹⁵ Revelation 20.6
¹⁶ 1 Corinthians 15.51-52 ¹⁷ 1 Thessalonians 4.16-17 ¹⁸ Revelation 7.9-12 ¹⁹ Revelation 1.5

He's inaugurated the new and living path that all of us children of God would one day tread. It's a path that we'll follow and where we'll see fulfilled more broadly what is said in the book of Hebrews:

"Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body" Hebrews 10.19-20

All of us, children of God, have access to the presence of our celestial Father; however, now, after the rapture¹, we enter with full liberty before the throne of Jesus' God and our God, of Jesus' Father and our Father². This way we shall remain united with him forever³. We shall behold the face of God eternally⁴!

The reward

Then at this moment, each child of God will be held accountable to the Father for things they've done in the course of their lives⁵. We'll find out whether we have the right to receive a reward or not. Who believes in Jesus by obligation is saved, but not all who are saved have the right to the reward⁶. That will only be granted to the good servants, those who, according to the will of God the Father, met the requirements established by him through his Word⁷. Jesus also received a reward for his work as man⁸.

¹ See page 183

² John 20.17

³ John 14.2-3

⁴ Revelation 22.4

⁵ 2 Corinthians 5.10

⁶ 1 Corinthians 3.11-15

⁷ Matthew 25.14-30

⁸ Daniel 7.13-14

We find this moment in which Jesus is taken to the throne to receive his reward described in two parts: first, the scene in which, after having been resurrected and remaining with his followers (disciples) for 40 days, he rises to the heavens:

“After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.” Acts 1.9

What happens right after is shown to us by the vision given to the prophet Daniel.

“In my vision at night, I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. Daniel 7.13-14

Jesus was then the first of many children of God to trek the path until making an appearance before the Father to receive the reward for his work as man. And we, who were reconciled with God, will follow right after him¹!

¹ 1 Corinthians 15.20

In the old alliance, Israel occupied the place of precedence, and the temple of Jerusalem was considered a sanctuary of God on earth. With the coming of the new alliance, the church (body of Christ) assumed the place that belonged to Israel and became the people of God on earth. Once the mystery of God was fulfilled, over was the era of the church, and Israel took the place that it once occupied. God then separates some amongst the Jews. Not all of the nation of Israel, only those who in the end recognized Jesus as the Messiah. Then, as we've seen, they were sealed so that they reach the end unharmed. In the prophecy of the Apocalypse, the Holy Spirit had already shown these as the 144.000 sealed of the nation of Israel¹. This number is representative, for the prophecy shows only men. But amongst the sealed, there will also be women. For it's said that the Jews are amongst those who in the thousand years will repopulate the earth². They can only do so if amongst them there are women!

The temple of Jerusalem is once again considered

The temple of Jerusalem also retakes the place that it occupied in the old alliance. It's back to being considered the sanctuary of God on earth. In the prophecy of the Apocalypse, God orders it be measured³, being an indication that he'll use a temple again.

¹ Revelation 7.1-8 ² Isaiah 19.24-25 ³ Revelation 11.1-2

Since the founding of the church until the rapture, the church served the function of sanctuary of God on earth¹; from now on, it has ended the era of the church, the temple in Jerusalem once again retakes the position of sanctuary of God on earth, as it was in the past. That doesn't mean God will inhabit it, once that he doesn't inhabit edifices constructed by human hands². It also doesn't mean the old temple will be reconstructed, but that there will be a specific place where the Jews will offer sacrifices.

It's good to say that it's not us who decide the place that God will consider as his sanctuary on earth. It's God who decides that! If he says that the temple of Jerusalem will be considered again, it's good that we believe so! From this fact, we can then comprehend why it's said to us that the antichrist will seat himself in the sanctuary of God, posing as God himself³. This made no sense while the church was the sanctuary, but makes all the sense once that is no longer here, and the temple was once again considered.

The pact is broken

The antichrist then starts to show his malignant side. He breaks the pact he'd done with the nations. He himself had committed to uphold it for seven years. As if that wasn't enough, he turns against the nation of Israel, prohibiting that the Jews continue making their offers to God at the temple found in Jerusalem⁴. Besides that, he has moved constantly over to the city with a single objective: desecrate the temple.

¹ 1 Corinthians 6.19

² Acts 17.24

³ 2 Thessalonians 2.4

⁴ Daniel 9.27

In it, he sits as if he were the God himself pronouncing, to all who listen, words that offend God and those who inhabit the heavens¹. In the whole world, people follow his example. This same practice of offending God and those who inhabit the heavens with blasphemous words becomes part of the lifestyle of the majority of people of the world. These turn to calling themselves followers of Satan and of the antichrist². Thus, is established on earth the desolating abomination³. In the instance in which he made the pact with the nations, the antichrist had become to many Jews the Messiah that had yet to come⁴. From these last acts, the same Jews realized that this man, the antichrist, is not the Messiah.

Satan and his angels are expelled from the celestial regions

With the arrival of the children of God to the heavens, after the rapture, Satan and his demons are expelled from the celestial regions. The Archangel Michael and his angels fight a battle against Satan and his demons⁵. The latter are beaten, kicked out of the celestial regions, and thrown to earth⁶. This event results in great joy amongst all the inhabitants of heaven⁷.

Upon being tossed to earth, Satan becomes enraged, for he knows there's little time left⁸!

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² Thessalonians 2.4, Daniel 11.36 and Revelation 13.6 ² Revelation 13.3-4 ³ Daniel 12.11

⁴ John 5.43

⁵ Revelation 12.7

⁶ Isaiah 14.12-17

⁷ Revelation 12.9-12

⁸ Revelation 12.12

The environment on earth

On earth, everyone has the sensation that the worst has passed. Things begin to settle down. Over is the time of mourning caused by the carnage of the punishment of the sixth trumpet. The world also quietens after the turmoil caused by the disappearance of people (rapture). Humanity resumes its everyday activities. Nature has already given signs of recovery after the impact caused by the punishments of the first four trumpets. The planet returns to its previous state, fulfilling the promise God had done that while the earth exists, there would be seed and harvest, cold and warmth, summer and winter, day and night¹. Even amid the judgment, these things will still exist! Aspects such as eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting and building slowly return to the day-to-day life of the people. After drying their tears, they're moving forward. The world is united and seeking a way of resuming its path. Having a single thought that is "rebuild". They hardly know that this won't be possible, for the judgment is still in progress. The world will never again be the same! The apparent lull hides the fact that the punishment only entered a different phase. The worst has yet to come!

¹ Genesis 8.22

The feeling of the disapproved Christians

The Christians who weren't taken by Jesus enter a state of fright. Besides the sorrow caused for having been left aside, they feel affliction for knowing that these will be extremely arduous days for all, like never seen in history¹. They know that beyond the punishments that are to be spilled upon the worshippers of Satan and the antichrist, the followers of God will be highly tested². In little time, they'll have to face the persecution promoted by the antichrist³. They'll have to choose between death for remaining allied with God⁴, or the prize of living a few days further for allying with Satan⁵. It'll be the most grueling situation, until then, lived by the Christians, surpassing by much the affliction caused by the persecution promoted at the beginning of Christianity's history.

The antichrist manifests fully

Until now, the antichrist was only one amongst many leaders of the world. Now that the Christians obedient to the Word of God were removed, he can manifest fully⁶. While present on earth, they were an obstacle to his full manifestation. Even if Satan and all of his demons took over the material sphere, a single Christian would be sufficient to deter them⁷.

¹ Matthew 24.21

² Revelation 3.10

³ Revelation 12.6

⁴ Revelation 13.7

⁵ Revelation 19.20-21

⁶ 2 Thessalonians 2.6-8

⁷ Matthew 10.5.8, Luke 10.19-20 and Mark 16.14-18

That who is in Christ (a person of the Holy Spirit) is bigger than that who is in the world (spirit of the antichrist)¹. What was then deterring the full manifestation of the antichrist was the authority of the Christians that lived yielding to God. Consequently, this authority had to be removed before Satan could manifest in his entirety². Now that the obstacle was removed, Satan is cleared to act freely. He then hands to the antichrist the authority received. In few days, with Satan's assistance, the antichrist begins to do amazing things³, which will collaborate with the establishment of his kingdom on earth.

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1 John 4.3-4

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Revelation 13.2

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2 Thessalonians 2.9

10th Event

THE TWO WITNESSES APPEAR TO THE WORLD

Timeline



Revelation 14.6-7

“Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

We're still halfway into the seven years; the rapture has happened not long ago¹. On earth, an angel flies across the skies having in hand the eternal gospel. It shall be announced to the whole world during the next 1260 days (three and a half years)².

In these days, God keeps observing the principles of authority he's established. Everything he's done on earth during this period of the judgment goes through his servants, the angels, in some way or another. It was like this in the rapture, the punishments of the first six trumpets, and also now with the sending of the two witnesses. This is because, in God's kingdom, there's a principle of authority that must be followed. God is the first to set the example. He himself doesn't gloss over the authorities he's established!

I'm highlighting this matter here because all those who want to be part of God's kingdom must abide by this order. Yielding oneself to the authorities built by God is the same as yielding to God³! The children of God generally understand, accept, and follow this principle, always attentive to the authorities over them⁴. The exception is when the authority seeks to lead them to do something contrary to the Word of God⁵. While Satan's kingdom is cemented in the principle of rebellion, all those who belong to him are always resisting any kind of authority⁶.

¹ See page 183

² Revelation 14.6-7 and 11.3

³ Romans 13.1-7

⁴ Romans 13.7

⁵ Acts 5.29

⁶ 2 Peter 2.10

There's still the possibility of salvation

God still keeps the door of salvation open; that's why he wants the eternal gospel to be announced¹.

Once long ago, when came the time for Jesus to be handed into the hands of the sinners, he made his way to Jerusalem. Upon reaching the city, he cried². He didn't do so with the expectation of the suffering that awaited him, but for the eternal suffering that awaited those who would reject him. And not only those who were there at that moment, but all who would live in future centuries and would do the same. God's heart hasn't changed from then to now³. He still continues and will continue wishing that not one single man be condemned to the eternal punishment⁴. Amidst the deserved judgment, he still offers the opportunity for salvation⁵. It's true that there will be a time when no one will be able to turn back to God⁶, but this will happen only at the end of the judgment, more precisely in the last 45 days⁷, instance when God's wrath will manifest on the earth⁸.

The two witnesses

Then, two prophets appear to the world⁹. They start to announce the eternal gospel. All of humanity is bound to listen to the message proclaimed¹⁰.

¹ Revelation 14.6

² Luke 19.41-44

³ Hebrews 13.8

⁴ 1 Timothy 2.1-4

⁵ Isaiah 55.7, Revelation 14.6-7 and

⁶ 15.2-4 Isaiah 55.6

⁷ See page 187

⁸ Revelation 15.5-8

⁹ Revelation 11.3-4

¹⁰ Revelation 14.6-7

Once the Christians obedient to the Word of God are no longer around, it's given to these two the mission of proclaiming the Word of God in the world.

The Christians who were left aside at the rapture are too debilitated to fulfill this task, the most they can do is remain hidden¹.

These two prophets, besides announcing the salvation of Jesus, announce that only God, the creator, the only true God must be worshipped² and that those who ally to the antichrist will face eternal consequences.

The two witnesses rouse ire in the residents of the world

The preaching of these prophets rouses much hatred. Those who attempt to attack them can't cause them harm; they are killed with fire spat from their mouths. To them was also given the power to close up the heavens in a way that keeps it from raining, and to turn the waters into blood. Beyond that, they can harm men with different kinds of scourges, as many times as they wish to³.

¹ Revelation 12.13-14

² Revelation 14.6-7

³ Revelation 11.5-6

11th Event

THE ANTICHRIST'S KINGDOM IS CREATED

Timeline



Revelation 13.1-8

“And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name...” Revelations 13.1

The antichrist suffers a mortal attack. Miraculously, he survives. Everyone is awed with this fact and come to believe that the antichrist is no mere human, but someone intimately linked to Satan, and thus, begin to follow him. They convince themselves that this is the right man to assume leadership of the world¹.

It's been 75 days since the rapture². The antichrist's kingdom begins to take shape. It'll last only three and a half years³. We already knew that the manifestation of the antichrist had two phases: the first was his revelation to the world, which occurred at the beginning of the seven years. The last was his full manifestation, the moment when he'd form his kingdom on earth⁴, an event which is being reported in this instance.

The Roman Empire

These two moments of the manifestation of the antichrist are part of something that began little before the birth of Jesus, and that now reaches its maximum peak. The prophet Daniel, in 530 b.C, related a dream in which God showed him the last great kingdom that would surge in the world before the Son of man, Jesus, returned to earth. In the dream, this kingdom is represented by a terrible animal:

¹ Revelation 13.4

² See page 187

³ Revelation 13.5

⁴ Revelation 17.12-13

“After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast—terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns.” Daniel 7.7

Later on, in 90 a.C, it is shown to the apostle John that this last kingdom was already active in the world; it was the Roman Empire¹. It had surged in the year 27 b.C, and it would traverse through the centuries. The issue was that it would change its characteristics throughout time. It appeared in the world as something political. Sometime later, in the year 380 a.C, united officially with Christianity, becoming political/religious. In the year 1453, its political aspect became insignificant, while its religious aspect grew until it expanded through the whole earth.

In order to make us comprehend how this last kingdom would move through the centuries considering this change of characteristics, the Holy Spirit shows us the image of a woman mounted on a scarlet beast, covered with blasphemous names, with seven heads and ten horns.

*“...There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns.”
Revelations 17.3*

It was mounted on this animal that this woman traversed through the centuries and arrived here.

¹ Revelation 13.1-2 and 17.8-18

The corrupted Christianity, now transformed into a religious system, caught a ride in the Roman Empire to remain active in the world during centuries.

We note here that are shown two figures, the woman and the beast that transports it. The reason for this is because to God, the two are separated. Even if one wants it, the two things can't be fused together! They have different natures. Religion has a spiritual nature while the state has a political nature.

The harlot

Why is this corrupted Christianity represented by a harlot? Because it had origin in the church of Christ, pure and immaculate, but upon being corrupted, not only turned into something detestable to God, but also filled the earth with others similar to it.

"The name written on her forehead was a mystery: BABYLON THE GREAT THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." Revelation 17.5

The seven heads and ten horns

At the time of Daniel's dream, this animal did not yet exist. But at the time when John was called to write the book of Revelations, 90 a.C, the one was already active for some 120 years. The Roman Empire had already given lots of evidence that it was the animal of the prophecy.

The seven heads of this beast represent the seven Roman governors. Six of them had already appeared in the world around the time Revelations was written by John (90 a.C). Those were: Julius Caesar, Roman dictator, and the emperors Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Nero, and Domitian. All of them attributed to themselves divine titles, which characterized words of blasphemy over their heads. Some had demanded adoration from their subjects, persecuting and cruelly killing the Christians for refusing to follow such order. John himself was in exile because of emperor Domitian. They were all antichrists¹ and fell, that is, died in unnatural ways. They were assassinated or committed suicide.

The seventh head of this animal is this last antichrist. The ten horns represent the ten kings who soon will be known across the world. They'll receive authority to govern along with the antichrist, for they'll be subject to him².

At this moment, the religious aspect of this empire will be completely extinguished³, whereas the political side begins to grow again⁴.

When the Bible utilizes only the word "beast", it points to the antichrist. When it says that such beast has "seven heads and ten horns", it points to the Roman Empire that now, during the time of judgment, appears as the antichrist's kingdom.

¹ 1 John 2.18

² Revelation 17.12-13

³ Revelation 17.16-17

⁴ Revelation 13.7

Satan is conquering nothing

We've reached then the moment which Satan gets what he's been pursuing for a long time: occupy in the hearts of men the place that should belong solely to God. But before we move on to looking at this event's scenario, I want to emphasize that, in reality, at this moment, Satan is conquering nothing!

He and his demons are only acting as those filthy flies that appear in the houses of those who accumulate trash in the yard. They are like insects attracted to filth!

Despite all the warnings that God has sent, humanity has accumulated trash not only in their yard, but also in the interior of their homes. They're already so used to dirt that they no longer can distinguish between trash and healthy food.

When God shows the antichrist's kingdom being formed, what he's saying in truth is that, because of the filth accumulated by society, the flies are infesting the world.

The laws and the calendar are altered

A little more than two months after the rapture¹, the antichrist becomes the emperor of the world², maximum representative of a humanity that has decided to oppose God.

¹ See page 187 ² Revelation 13.7

Along with him are sworn in the ten leaders through who he'll exercise his government on earth. he kingdom of the beast is formed!

The antichrist creates new laws that come to rule the whole world. Revokes the Christian calendar and prohibits marriage¹. Any kind of cult to God is now being forcefully repressed². The nations enter a state of euphoria. Besides no longer needing to live with the idea of a God that disapproves of sin, judge themselves free to do whatever they want without punishment. From this point onward, the fuel that moves humanity becomes the rampant sin³.

he antichrist and his followers begin to demonstrate to the world that they're wild, cruel, cunning, and fierce, capable of shredding anyone who opposes them⁴. Thus, humanity feels safe. They begin to believe that under Satan's and the antichrist's leadership, they're invincible, not having anyone who could stop them. Not even God⁵.

Humanity begins to glorify Satan

The antichrist requires that offers be made to honor Satan. These are of gold, silver, precious gems, and other valuable things⁶.

The antichrist faces opposition

Some nations revolt against the antichrist, but he, attacking them with great fury, destroys almost all of them⁷.

¹ Daniel 7.25 and 1 Timothy 4.1-3
⁵ Revelation 13.4

⁶ Daniel 11.38

² 2Thessalonians 2.4
⁷ Daniel 11.40-44

³ Matthew 24.12

⁴ Revelation 13.2

The nation of Israel is amongst them. However, the sealed Jews survive. God sends the Archangel Michael to rescue them¹. We've already seen that these are those who, in the end, will recognize Jesus as the Messiah.

It's initiated the religious persecution

The antichrist and the ten leaders subject to him promote a religious persecution. All across the world, everything that in any way remembers or honors the name of God is destroyed. Bibles, works of literature, videos, pictures, portraits, sculptures and temples. The religious leaders are also persecuted and murdered. In little time, all of the religious structures of the world disappears².

The religious persecution is a judgment of God

The reason for this persecution is that God is judging the religions³. The religious side of the Roman Empire not only spread throughout the earth, but also originated many other similar religions. This is why it's said that such harlot mounted on the scarlet beast is the mother of all harlots.

"The name written on her forehead was a mystery: BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." Revelation 17.5

¹ Daniel 12.1

² Revelation 17.16

³ Revelation 17.16-17

The religions failed their attempt to approach men to God. These, instead of pointing to Jesus as the path for reconciliation with God, pointed to themselves as the path¹. They should take people to communion with God², but instead, have taken them to communion with the world³. They've put humanity as the main character of history, while God, at most, appears in a secondary position. They disregarded what God had said men should do to reconcile with him and prioritized what men wanted God to do for them, putting men and not God at the center of things. They've used the Word of God only as an adornment of faith when, in fact, they should use it as the foundation of faith⁴. For this and many other reasons, the religions are now also being judged by God.

The house of God was the first to be judged

This episode shouldn't shock us. It's necessary to remember that this is the moment of settling scored between God and humanity. He had already initiated his judgment in his house⁵. The Christians were weighed and measured, and those found lacking, left out of the rapture⁶. Besides that, Jesus said that everything in this world comes to an end, that also includes the religions. What would remain eternally would be his Words and all those who perform the will of God the Father⁷.

¹ John 14.6

⁶ 1 John 2.28

² 1 John 1.3

⁷ Matthew 24.35 and 1 John 2.17

³ James 4.4

⁴ 1 Corinthians 3.11 and 1 Peter 2.6-8

⁵ 1 Peter 4.17

12th Event

THE FALSE PROPHET APPEARS TO THE WORLD

Timeline



Revelation 13.11-18

"Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon." Revelations 13.11

At the same time, when it's formed the kingdom of the antichrist, the false prophet appears to the world. He starts to play an important role in the consolidation of the antichrist's kingdom. While the antichrist dedicates himself to govern the nations, the false prophet dedicates himself to leading the people to worship Satan and the antichrist, recognizing them as gods.

The false prophet is a man innocent in appearance, but of treacherous words that will lead humanity to damnation¹. His predictions are false, never to be concretized. He makes intense and clear opposition to the things announced by the real prophecies. For this reason, he's called the "false prophet". He speaks of things the world wishes to hear², promises a glorious future, full of peace and safety to those who ally with Satan and the antichrist.

In order to realize his objective, he receives from Satan the authority of having fire rain from the skies wherever the antichrist happens to be present. It leads humanity to worship him, reminding them that he's someone who was mortally wounded and yet survived. With these signals, he convinces humanity to make an image of the antichrist³, which contributes to having the world sink even deeper into the sin of idolatry.

¹ Revelation 13.11 ² Revelation 2.12 ³ Revelation 13.11-14

But not all

Those who recognize and believe in the Scriptures know that the predictions of the false prophet are false and that the signals are only to deceive humanity. These then stand contrary to it.

The image of the beast

Deceived, humanity builds the image of the antichrist. The false prophet gives the breath of life to such image, making it capable of speaking and even kill those who refuse to worship it¹.

The mark of the beast is established

The false prophet then establishes a mark with which the worshipers of the beast have to be identified with. Those who agree to receive it, do so aware that they're allying with Satan and the antichrist. They know that it's a path of no return. Those who refuse to receive it are making it clear to all that they're followers of God, therefore opponents of the beast.

There are still the undecided

These are those still undecided. Winning over these becomes the main objective of the antichrist henceforward. It's established then that only those with the mark will be allowed to buy or sell anything at all².

¹ Revelation 13.15

² Revelation 13.16-17

Satan also assumes a prominent position

Until this moment in history, the most that Satan has ever managed to achieve was having indirect worshipers through idolatry and some direct through Satanism.

From this point onward, the majority of the population of the planet has begun worshipping him¹ along with the antichrist.

Three kings rebel

Then a change happens. Three of the ten submissive kings of the antichrist are deposed² of their positions.

¹ Revelation 13.4

² Daniel 7.7-8

13th Event

THE FOLLOWERS OF GOD ARE
PERSECUTED AND KILLED

Timeline



Revelation 14.13-16

“Then I heard a voice from heaven say: Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on... So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.”

It's been three and a half years since the rapture happened¹. We've reached the end of the seven years. Then it initiates the persecution of the followers of God. This event will last exactly 30 days². From henceforward, it will be removed from the earth through death almost all of those who refused to unite with Satan and the antichrist³.

The death of the two witnesses

It also ended the time given to the two witnesses to preach⁴. At the city of Jerusalem, happens the last confront between these two prophets and the loyal forces of the antichrist. This time, the latter take the advantage. The two witnesses are killed, and their corpses are exposed in the town square for three days. They've tormented so much the followers of the antichrist that they're not allowed to be buried. The death of these two men becomes something so significant that there are organized commemorative festivities all across the world. The people are so exultant they send presents to one another⁵.

The two witnesses resurrect

After three days, the spirit of life enters the two witnesses who stand up, resurrect! Those who see such occurrence are taken by great fear. A voice from the heavens is directed to the two prophets and says: — “Come up here!” They then begin to float towards the clouds right in front of the eyes of their enemies.

¹ Revelation 12.6 ² See page187 ³ Revelation 14.13-16 ⁴ Revelation 11.3 ⁵ Revelation 11.7-10

While these ponder, a great earthquake occurs and causes the deaths of seven thousand people in the city of Jerusalem.

The survivors glorify the God in heaven, for they've been convinced that he is who sent and resurrected the two prophets¹.

The persecution

The world then puts all of its attention on the task of exterminating those who persist in being faithful to God, who only managed to survive until now because God has been guarding them². It's been some time since they couldn't buy nor sell anything at all³. They were sustained in a supernatural manner, in the likes of what occurred with Israel while they crossed the desert⁴, but now has come the hour determined by God to face the antichrist⁵.

The confront

Initiates then the extermination. Those who haven't accepted the mark of the beast begin to be persecuted and killed across the world. People start to denounce one another. Not even blood-ties impede this from happening. Children turn over their parents to death. Parents turn over their children and siblings⁶. People are taken before the image of the beast to be pressured to rethink the decision they've taken.

¹ Revelation 11.11-13

² Revelation 12.6

³ Revelation 13.16-17

⁴ Nehemiah 9.20-21

⁵ Daniel 7.21

⁶ Matthew 10.21

The image itself tries to persuade them to turn back. As we've seen, it was given the capacity to speak and bring death upon those who refuse to worship it¹. This is a time of great cruelty. It's when the words of Jesus can be applied more than ever before: "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell."² The followers of the beast can do no more than destroying the human body, and therefore, they shouldn't be feared. Only God must be feared! It is him who can perish eternally the body and soul of men.

Some survive

But 30 days are not enough for the antichrist to eliminate all of his opponents³. People of different nations manage to escape⁴, just as the sealed Jews.

Even after the rapture, the people will only be able to be saved by believing in the Son of God⁵. No one will be saved just for rejecting the beast! The death at this time only confirms the resolute decision of those who accept Jesus as personal savior and are willing to follow him until the very end⁶.

¹ Revelation 13.15

² Matthew 10.28

³ See page 187

⁴ Isaiah 19.19-20

⁵ John 3.36

⁶ Matthew 24.9-13

The Jewish remnants

God has plans for the Jews. Those who are left are people who love God, but until then, because of gentiles, had their hearts hardened. The Bible says that they'd be like this until the last of the gentiles (one who is not Jewish) were saved¹; from thenceforth, the Jews, as a nation, would believe in Jesus as the Messiah and thus would be saved. The prophecy will be fulfilled in just a few days.

The victorious against the beast arrive on heaven

While the world rejoices with the elimination of almost all of the beast's opponents, on heaven, seven angels prepare to spill the scourge of God's wrath onto the earth².

It initiates the most intense part of the great tribulation.

Those who were killed during the 30 days of the harvest, those victorious against the beast, can already be found in heaven. They are seen standing atop a surface similar to a sea of glass merged with fire. Already resurrected, having harps in their hands, sing the songs of Moses and of the Lamb, saying:

"Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are your ways, King of the nations! Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed."
Revelation 15.3-4

¹ Romans 11.25-32

² Revelation 15.1

This song reveals to us that they've arrived in heaven because they were washed in the blood of Jesus, the Lamb. Also, because they've kept the commandment given through Moses, which sets that the only one who can be worshipped is the true God¹.

Upon concluding this song saying: "...for your righteous acts have been revealed", they show us that the things they'd witnessed during the seven years of the judgment, including the death they've suffered, are manifestations of divine justice.

It's madness to try and work around the wrath of God while confident in personal realizations

We need the Holy Spirit to help us assimilate these things: God cannot set his justice aside just because he loves us! Sin must be punished accordingly, no matter who is the offender.

Just as a just judge cannot pardon someone for being a friend, God cannot free us from the consequences of our sins because he loves us!

There's only one answer to the problem of sin, and is, that the debt must be paid with death²! Jesus paid this debt in humanity's stead, but the human being can reject this offer of God's love. This they do when rejecting Jesus, the only means of salvation.

¹ Exodus 20.1-6 and Deuteronomy 31.17-19

² Romans 6.23

When someone proceeds as such, it's assumed that they want to face the consequences of their sins alone. The stance is a real madness! Once Jesus had spoken of a man who trusted his own realizations could bring peace to his soul. To him, God said:

"You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?". Luke 12.20

Nothing we do on earth can free us from condemnation if we have to face the judgment of the great white throne (final judgment)¹. We're born inclined to sin. It's part of our nature. However, we enforce ourselves; we can't alone deal with the matters of sin. We're born enslaved by it.

It's already determined that God's wrath must be spilled onto those who sin, and there's no way to work around that².

God's ire against sin fell on Jesus the moment he was killed in the Calvary Cross³. At that moment, he was literally being punished in our stead. He was settling the debt we'd acquired with God because of the sins we've committed throughout our lives⁴.

One who scorns his work in favor of their own invalidates in their life what Jesus so painfully acquired⁵.

¹ Ephesians 2.8-10

² John 3.18

³ Matthew 27.46

⁴ Colossians 2.14-15

⁵ 2 Thessalonians 2.9-12

Thus, there are no other options if not for this person to remain under the ire of God forever¹. To escape from committing this error is why Jesus told us of the parable of the man who placed his trust in his own realizations. This is the one who God calls mad!

The preparations for the new phase of the great tribulation

On heaven, the seven angels leave the sanctuary dressed in cloth of pure linen, resplendent and girded, with belts of gold up to the chest². Such garments show that the acts that they're about to practice are just and fulfill divine promises³.

The sanctuary is where God's glory manifests⁴. These seven angels will then receive in their hands from the four living creatures, bowls of gold containing God's wrath, which, over 45 days⁵, will be poured onto the earth⁶.

Until all of the bowls are poured, no one can enter the sanctuary

After the angels receive the seven golden bowls containing God's wrath, the sanctuary fills with smoke. This is a signal that God's wrath is now manifested, which makes the situation rather critical.

¹ John 3.36, Romans 1.18 and Revelation 20.11-15
² Revelation 15.5-6
³ Isaiah 11.5
⁴ Revelation 15.8
⁵ See page 187
⁶ Revelation 15.7

No creature on heaven: man, angel, seraphim, cherubim, elder, or living being can enter the sanctuary during a time when God's wrath is manifesting¹. This is a time when even if someone searches for God, they'll not be able to find him.

“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.”
Isaiah 55.6

¹ Revelation 15.8

14th Event

THE FOLLOWERS OF THE ANTICHRIST ARE
PUNISHED MALIGNANT AND PERNICIOUS ULCERS

Timeline



Revelation 16.2

*"The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land,
and ugly, festering sores broke out on the people who had the
mark of the beast and worshiped its image."*

From the celestial sanctuary, God gives an order so that the seven angels poured over the earth the bowls containing his wrath¹. It will not be possible to see the moment when these bowls are poured by them. It's about actions in the spiritual sphere where the result occurs in the material sphere.

The first angel then pours his bowl. We note that the punishments of the six first trumpets were initiated by nature. If in that time things were more or less defined when it came to which side each person wanted to be in, now everyone has chosen their side. Even if anyone wanted to, there's no longer a way to change sides. Remember that in the world, there are still followers of God, for as said before, many managed to escape the persecution not long ago promoted by the antichrist.

The punishment of the bowls is then directed onto the man who worships the beast's image.

On them, there are immediately malignant ulcers that cause them a great deal of suffering². No one escapes; even the antichrist and the false prophet are punished by this plague. Rapidly, the climate of euphoria in the world disappears entirely.

¹ Revelation 16.1

² Revelation 16.2

15th Event

THE OCEANS TURN INTO
BLOOD AS OF CORPSES

Timeline



Revelation 16.3

"The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead person, and every living thing in the sea died."

The ulcers disappear, the second angel then descends from the heavens and, upon reaching the earth, pours his bowl onto the sea, which immediately turns to blood.

This plague is similar to the plague of the second trumpet, which at the start of the seven years transformed in blood a third of the waters in the seas. This time, the event hits all of the oceans. Beyond that, the blood is denser than the first time. This one is like that of a dead person¹, it exhales a bad smell.

This is a punishment applied with much intensity; they're hits devoid of any trace of compassion. Something aiming to cause the maximum amount of suffering. This is what we're seeing in each of the seven bowls of God's wrath!

We must remember that humanity is allied with Satan and the antichrist², living a lifestyle of a deliberate and open affront to God and all those who inhabit the heavens³.

Upon speaking of this period, the manifestation of his wrath, God compares it to vintage⁴, the instance in which his enemies, those who allied with Satan and the antichrist, are crushed like grapes in a mill⁵. It's a harsh way to put it, devoid of any mercy.

¹ Revelation 16.3

² Revelation 13.4

³ Revelation 9.20.21

⁴ Revelation 14.17-20

⁵ Revelation 19.11-21

All portion of saltwater in the world disappears, and thus all life in it dies. The continents are invaded by a foul smell distinctive of death.

The world's population was already cut by more than half

Making an estimate of what happened until here, we'll discover that at this moment, seven years have gone by, a significative part of the world's population has disappeared. In the first half of the seven years, the earth's population was decimated by hunger, plagues, murders, wild animal attacks, and by the plague of the sixth trumpet. Then the rapture happened, followed by religious persecution, the invasion of nations opposed to the antichrist, and in the last 30 days, the persecution of the opponents of Satan and the antichrist. All of these events caused a considerable diminishment of the world's population.

The Word of God is the only indication we'll have

When speaking of the number of people who'll die during the judgment, the Holy Spirit avoids giving us hints that could lead to a prediction of the epoch in which these things will happen. If he had, for example, spoken of 10 billion dead people, we'd conclude that while the population of the world hasn't reached such number, there would be no chance of having the judgment time.

The Lord, so we don't know the time in which the judgment will come, doesn't speak of numbers, but of a percentual, concealing from us any information that could lead us to point to a specific time. He wants, as we've seen before, that men be caught by surprise. He wishes that the things in his Word be sufficient to yield in us a continuous life of fear and obedience.

He gave no signal to Adam and Eve that they were about to commit a fatal mistake, once Satan presented himself with his lies. He simply expected that they believed the warnings he'd already given. The same happens in relation to each of us. He only expects that we believe in the things he already said would happen.

16th Event

THE RIVERS AND SOURCES OF WATER TURN INTO BLOOD

Timeline



Revelation 16.4-7

"The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood." Revelations 16.4

The blood disappears from the seas. The third angel then pours his bowl into the rivers and sources of water, which immediately turn into blood¹. On this moment, the angel that poured the bowl says:

“You are just in these judgments, O Holy One, you who are and who were; for they have shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve.” Revelations 16.5

This specific punishment is retribution on the followers of the antichrist, who murdered the Christians during the recent persecution (30 days). They’ve also spilled the blood of the two witnesses (prophets).

For some time, men will have no other option if not to drink the water turned into blood.

After saying these things, a voice from the altar says:

“Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments.” Revelations 16.7.

¹ Revelation 16.4

17th Event

MEN ARE BURNED BY THE SUN *Timeline*



Revelation 16.8-9

"The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire." Revelations 16.8

The rivers and water sources return to their normal state, the fourth angel then pours his bowl onto the sun, and its rays burn mankind. They're not killed, for such plague aims only to punish humanity. Man, realizing that such punishment is a divine judgment, deliver words that offend God, no longer having in their hearts the possibility of repentance.

The hardness of the heart impedes men from being led to repentance.

It's the Holy Spirit that leads men to penitence¹. Despite being an initiative from God in the human heart, the decision to reject the truth impedes this process in the life of a person². This rejection if called hardness of heart, and it was this that led humanity to this point of no return.

With no regret, there's no forgiveness of sins. Consequently, there is no possibility of salvation³.

The Bible tells us of two evildoers who were crucified along with Jesus⁴. One of them, despite being near death, had his heart hardened to the truth that he deserved such punishment, making it not possible to be led to repent.

¹ John 16.7-9 and Romans 2.3-4

² Psalm 95.7-11

³ Luke 13.3

⁴ Luke 23.32-43

While the second one had his heart opened to the truth. Jesus is the truth¹! Acknowledging being deserving of such punishment, lost and in need of a Savior. Therefore, he was led by the Holy Spirit to repentance. As a result, he obtained forgiveness for his sins and salvation. On that same day, he met Jesus again in paradise; he was saved! The other wrongdoer would have also been saved, had he opened his heart to the truth, recognizing his sins and received the Savior. God would have graciously led him to repent, as he'd done with the one who had his heart open.

God offers forgiveness through the person of Jesus Christ to all sinners. It was exactly because of this that he came to the world, to save those who were lost². There was rejoicing in heaven as the crucified wrongdoer repented³. There's more hope for a repentant wrongdoer than for the one who considers himself sinless. The latter doesn't think there's anything that needs to be forgiven, doesn't accept the Word of God that says all are perishing⁴. If one dies in this condition, as did the first thief, they'll be lost⁵.

¹ John 14.6

² Matthew 18.11

³ Luke 15.7

⁴ Romans 3.23 and Isaiah 64.6

⁵ Luke 13.3

The condemned will never be repentant

Once someone already has their eternal destiny defined, being it the damnation, there's no more possibility of such a person being led to repentance. Like the antichrist, those who already decided to follow him can no longer be led to repentance, and consequently to salvation.

It's something terrible to consider that it would be impossible to find amongst the condemned to eternal punishment someone who is repentant. There will be people outraged and full of malice, but never repentant. If today we're sensible to repentance, we must always feed on the Word of God and seek communion with Jesus¹ and with other children of God², our brothers, and sisters. This prevents us from having a hardened heart by the deception of sin³.

The desperation increases

The earth suddenly heats up beyond the normal. The planet experiences almost unbearable levels of heat, which increases, even more, despair.

¹ John 15.5

² 1 John 1.7

³ Hebrews 3.7-8

18th Event

THE KINGDOM OF THE ANTICHRIST FILLS WITH DARKNESS

Timeline



Revelation 16.10-11

“The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in agony...” Revelations 16.10

The sun returns to its normal state, the temperature goes down. The fifth angel then descends from heaven and pours his bowl onto the followers of the antichrist. Darkness immediately envelops them. It's so dense people can't see what's around them. They're impeded from doing any task. There's no light capable of breaching such darkness. It is not simply darkness, but something capable of inducing pain upon those that are wrapped by it. They bite their own tongues because of the intensity of the pain.

With all of this, they still don't repent for their evil deeds. On the contrary, they revolt even more against God, uttering words of blasphemy, offensive to God and those who inhabit the heavens, for they know they're suffering as a consequence of yet another divine punishment.

The antichrist and the false prophet are also hit by this plague.

The antichrist's kingdom then destabilizes. After the punishments of the six first bowls, there exists resistance to the leadership of the antichrist¹. Satan knows there are few days left until Jesus returns to earth.

¹ Revelation 16.13-14

19th Event

IT'S SET THE STAGE FOR THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

Timeline



Revelation 16.12-16

“The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East... Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.”

The sixth angel then pours his bowl onto the great river Euphrates, whose waters dry up. Thus, it's opened the path for the armies of the beast to reach the Megiddo valley where there is the Armageddon mountain, 56 miles from the city of Jerusalem¹. In this place, they'll face Jesus and the children of God who, in few days, will descend from the heavens to the earth. It's here where God will deal his final blow on the humanity that rejected his offer for salvation².

Three unclean spirits are sent to travel the earth.

From the mouths of Satan, the antichrist and the false prophet, come three demons that will meet with the kings of the whole world. These seek to convince them to try and keep Jesus from establishing his kingdom on earth. Once convinced, and this will occur due to the unclean spirits that were sent, the armies of the whole world will engage in this lost battle.

As the soldiers arrive, humanity's confidence increases. In a few days, the whole place is occupied. It's a quota so large it occupies a scope of land measuring 184 miles, reaching past the Megiddo valley until near the entrance to the city of Jerusalem. The antichrist, the false prophet and the kings of the earth also move to the local where the battle will be fought.

¹ Revelation 16.12-16

² Revelation 17.14

“Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army.” Revelations 19.19

The angels and the children of God prepare for the battle

Meanwhile, in heaven, coming from all ends, angels meet up for the great gathering. It's the Lord's army forming position. Little by little, the number of congregated rises. It can also be heard the trumpets that summon the children of God from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. Soon, those start to arrive as well. In little time, a crowd so numerous like the stars in the sky is gathered, millions of millions¹.

“And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.” Matthew 24.31

On earth, while the euphoria of the beast's followers grows, dread takes hold of Satan and his demons.

The stage for the battle of Armageddon is set.

¹ Daniel 7.9-10

20th Event

LIGHTNING, VOICES, THUNDER, AND EARTHQUAKE

Timeline



Revelation 16.17-18

“...Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake.” Apocalypse 16.18

Still, on heaven, Jesus musters his army for war. As he moves through the crowds, cries of victory are heard, which echo on earth. Each child of God has a white horse with which they'll accompany Jesus back to earth¹.

*"...They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land."
Isaias 13.4-5 (King James Version)*

It is done!

The seventh angel then descends from the heavens. Upon arriving on earth, he pours his bowl through the skies. Soon it's heard a great voice, that says: It is done²! It's with this last bowl that God's wrath is consummated.

On earth, the same signals seen at the beginning of the great tribulation appear once again³. These show the moment when the judgment ends has arrived. All across the world, it's heard the cries of the celestial armies that prepare for the battle⁴. It's also heard the thunders; the flashes of lightning cut through the heavens. Then occurs the greatest earthquake of all times. It is so intense that all the cities of the planet are destroyed⁵. Mountains move and islands disappear amidst the seas.

¹ Revelation 19.11-14

² Revelation 16.17

³ Revelation 16.18

⁴ Isaiah 13.4-5

⁵ Revelation 16.18-19

It is the end of these structures of cultural, political, religious, and economic¹ systems that have been carefully organized to fulfill the mission of keeping humanity completely independent from God. At this time, because of the earthquake, all the material structures of this “world” are destroyed. All the kings of earth bewail because of this:

“And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning...” Revelation 18.9 (King James Version)

While the inhabitants of the heavens are taken by great joy:

“Rejoice over her, you heavens! Rejoice, you people of God! Rejoice, apostles and prophets! For God has judged her with the judgment she imposed on you.” Revelation 18.20

Amidst the fires, torrential rains, and storms, as a final blow, hail weighing around 132 pounds are launched from heaven² over the followers of the beast who survived, who in great numbers are killed across the earth.

¹ Revelation 18.1-24

² Revelation 16.21

“And the LORD shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones.” Isaiah 30.30 (King James Version)

The beast’s followers, once again, curse God in heaven.

When the Bible describes this moment in Revelation 16.18-21, it makes no mention whatsoever of repentance, at this point, it no longer matters.

21th Event

JESUS RETURNS TO EARTH Timeline



Revelation 19.11-21

“I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.” Revelation 19.11-14

It's been 1335 days since the rapture happened¹. There were concluded the 1260 days given to the antichrist to rule over the earth (42 months)².

The remaining Jews, those who half-way into the seven years were sealed, upon contemplating the armies of the antichrist already congregated, reached the conclusion that this is the end of the journey. They realize that the Messiah they've long waited for had already been through the earth. Because of the hardening of their hearts, as a nation, they weren't capable of recognizing him, crucifying him through the Romans instead. Then, taken by great despair and anguish, as one who weeps for the loss of an only child, in tears, recognize Jesus as Lord and Messiah. They clamor for his forgiveness and help!

"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son. On that day the weeping in Jerusalem will be as great as the weeping of HadadRimmon in the plain of Megiddo." Zachariah 12.10-11

The sun darkens, the moon no longer gives its glow, the stars are removed from the skies, the laws that rule the universe are altered³.

¹ Daniel 12.11-12 ² Revelation 13.5 ³ Matthew 24.29

Then Jesus, mounted on a white horse, descends triumphant amidst the clouds of heaven. His eyes are like fiery flames, and on his head, there are many crowns. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood. On his robe and on his thigh is written “KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS”. The children of God that accompany him are also mounted on white horses.

They're dressed in fine linen, white and clean¹. Upon witnessing this scene, the remaining followers of God, from several nations, are filled with joy. The armies of the beast are taken by great terror!

Upon approaching the earth, Jesus kills the antichrist with the whiff from his mouth². Following that, like grapes in a mill, he crushes the armies congregated at the Megiddo valley!

“I have trodden the winepress alone; from the nations no one was with me. I trampled them in my anger and trod them down in my wrath; their blood spattered my garments, and I stained all my clothing... I trampled the nations in my anger; in my wrath I made them drunk and poured their blood on the ground.” Isaiah 63.3-6

Then, the whole extension of the camp, from the surroundings of Armageddon to near the city of Jerusalem³, it's filled with corpses. There are soldiers and horses scattered throughout the ground. The blood spilled is so much that it covers up to the horses' bridles.

¹ Revelation 19.11-16

² 2 Thessalonians 2.8

³ Daniel 11.45

“They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses’ bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia.” Revelation 14.20

Jesus descends the Mount of Olives

Right after the armies camped at the valley were exterminated, Jesus goes towards the city of Jerusalem. This is 56 miles from the center of the battle. He then descends the Mount of Olives, and there he meets with the Jewish remnants. Those who, repentant, clamored to him, were thus saved as well!

God’s angels go out in a hunt for Satan and his demons. Soon, they’ll be imprisoned in the abyss for a period of a thousand years. While that, the children of God who descended from heaven with Jesus travel the earth exterminating the rest of the beast’s worshippers¹. Not a single one survives.

An angel then sets over the sun. He gives a word of order so that all the birds that fly in the sky come to feed on the flesh of the dead. So birds of all types turn to the corpses.

¹ Luke 19.27 and Revelation 19.21

“And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair: Come, gather together for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and the mighty, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, great and small... and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.”
Revelation 19.17-21.”

Satan is chained and hurled into prison

Soon, they are brought to Jerusalem, coming from all parts of the world, the followers of God who managed to survive why did they hide from the persecution promoted by the antichrist.

“Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by.” Isaiah 26.20

An angel then approaches, having in hands a large chain. He comes holding Satan who, visibly terrified, thrashes, trying to unleash himself. As soon as he is chained, the earth opens up before all. The pit of the abyss is opened once again. Then Satan and his demons are taken by the angels of God towards the deepest end of the abyss. It's possible to see them descending until they disappear in the darkness. It's also heard the sound of their grunts; their numbers are millions of millions.

Once they're imprisoned, the angel, the one who chained Satan, puts a seal at the entrance of the abyss. It can only be opened once it completes one thousand years¹. With the earth still open, it's possible to behold a lake of fire. In it are thrown living the antichrist and the false prophet². The antichrist was killed during the confront with Jesus at the Armageddon battle³, but here he appears alive, being thrown into the lake of fire. This is a signal that despite this fact not being mentioned, he has already been resurrected.

"In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea." Isaías 27:1 (King James Version)

¹ Revelation 20.1-3

² Revelation 19.19-20

³ 2 Thessalonians 2.8

22th Event

A THOUSAND YEARS, FROM
BEGINNING TO END

Timeline



Revelation 20.4-6

"Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years." Revelation 20.6

Jesus is now living in mount Zion, which is now the most important place on earth. Localized at the city of Jerusalem, it attracts people from all nations who move towards it in order to worship and learn to live God's way¹.

Besides the King Jesus, the God Almighty, who has decided to also remain in the form of a man, at this moment, the planet is inhabited by two types of men: the celestial and the earthly.

Celestial men

The celestial men are the children of God who were raptured. Also, amongst them are those who were killed because, loving God, decided not to receive the mark of the beast². All of these received incorruptible bodies; they attended before God's throne, received their rewards, and returned with Jesus to earth.

Having gone through the experience of regeneration, their the celestial and the earthly bodies were transformed into celestial bodies. There is not a single trace or consequence of sin in them; they're saints. Their bodies don't age nor become sick or die; they're incorruptible³. They're also not subject to the laws of physics; they can appear and disappear in different places, fly through the heavens and traverse through any material obstacle. There are no limits for them. They can go to any place they wish to. They have a body similar to Jesus after his resurrection⁴.

¹ Isaiah 2.2-3

² Revelation 15.2-4 and Matthew 24.9-13

³ 1 Corinthians 15.52-53

⁴ 1 John 3.2 and John 20.19

These don't multiply; thus, they do not marry; they're as angels in heaven¹.

Earthly men

The earthly men, on the other hand, are those who've gone through the judgment, and managed to reach the beginning of the thousand years alive. These men believed in Jesus, repented of their sins, invoked the name of the Lord, and thus became children of God². They've also won against the beast, for they refused to receive his mark. These are men from different nations³ and are also blessed, for they were picked by God to repopulate the earth⁴. But they weren't transformed, they're still subject to sin, they sicken, age, and die. The only difference is that the population of the thousand years⁵ will have longer lives. Those who die young will have lived at least a hundred years, as it used to happen in the days before the flood when people reached up to 980 years⁶.

The government

King Jesus governs the earth personally, along with the children of God who descended from heaven with him⁷.

¹ Matthew 22.30 ² Romans 10.13 and John 1.11-12 ³ Isaiah 2.3 and 19.23-25 ⁴ Daniel 12.1 and 12.12
⁵ Isaiah 65.20 ⁶ Genesis 5.1-32 ⁷ Revelation 20.6

Kings and priests

Besides kings, those who descended from heaven with Jesus are priests¹. They're kings because they represent the King before the people. They're priests because they represent the people before the King.

The habitation

As said, Jesus now lives in Jerusalem. With him, live the children of God who descended from heaven and the Jewish remnants. The former live around mount Zion, at the place called the saints' camp. Amongst all men on earth, these are the ones who enjoy the most proximity to Jesus². The Jews are also near, for they live in the city of Jerusalem³.

The other children of God, the ones who got to the end of the persecution alive, of different nationalities, live scattered throughout the earth⁴.

From Zion, the laws proceed

The King, from his housing in Zion, establishes laws that lead the peoples⁵.

The Word of the Lord proceeds from Jerusalem

The Jews, from Jerusalem, teach the Word of the Lord to the peoples⁶.

¹ Revelation 20.6

² Isaiah 4.5 e Revelation 20.9

³ Isaiah 4.3-4

⁴ Isaiah 19.23-25

⁵ Isaiah 2.3

⁶ Isaiah 2.3

The peoples

The planet's population then is composed of those who descended from heaven with Jesus, plus those who reached the end of the judgment alive. Earth, at this moment, is inhabited only by the children of God¹.

Nature

The plagues that came during judgment time caused significant changes not only to the planet but also to the whole universe². Now that the judgment is over, everything turns back to normal.

The region of Jerusalem is revitalized

A spring sprouts at the entrance of Jerusalem's temple. It's possible to see when the waters coming from the entrance of the temple advance to the east of the city. They flow towards the Dead Sea, traveling 14 miles until reaching it. As the waters advance, the earth opens, and the river becomes deeper. This is not a common river; its waters bring a manifestation of divine power that revitalizes the whole region. In all the extension of the river and the Dead Sea, surge schools of fish. On the banks of the river and to the seashore, fruit-bearing trees grow all year round. The leaves of these trees never fall and are used to cure diseases of the peoples.

¹ Luke 19.27 ² Matthew 24.29

It's necessary to travel around 114 miles to, bypassing the river and sea, return back to the starting point. This whole shoreline became fertile like no other place on the planet. The fruits bared there are the pride and joy of Jews who live in Jerusalem¹.

"The man brought me back to the entrance to the temple, and I saw water coming out from under the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was coming down from under the south side of the temple, south of the altar. He then brought me out through the north gate and led me around the outside to the outer gate facing east, and the water was trickling from the south side... When I arrived there, I saw a great number of trees on each side of the river. He said to me: This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, where it enters the Dead Sea. When it empties into the sea, the salty water there becomes fresh. Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live... Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing." Ezekiel 47.1-12

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Isaiah 4.2

Lifestyle

Each owns propriety from where they take sustenance. People live in society, build houses, work, raise children and cultivate the earth. Everyone reaps the benefits of their own work; no one works in vain¹. People feed from the fruits of the earth and of fish². People live the country lifestyle. They move about in three ways: on foot, on mounted animals, or utilizing boats³.

The animals

The animals have become docile. They no longer fear men, nor harm one another. Cattle and bears graze together, and their calf and cubs sleep in the same place. The lion eats straw with the bull, the wolf with the sheep, and the leopard with the goatling. The children lead lion cubs and play with serpents. These don't harm them at all⁴.

The cloud of glory

Just as Jesus arrived at mount Zion and there established his new home, a cloud of glory formed atop Jerusalem. It is like a treetop that forms a cover over the whole city. It's shade against the heat of the day and a refuge and hideout against storms and rains. At night it turns fiery smoke⁵ and can be seen from very far. It's a spectacle on earth!

¹ Isaiah 65.19-23

² Ezekiel 47.9-10 and Isaiah 65.22

³ Revelation 20.9 and Isaiah 60.5-7

⁴ Isaiah 11.6-10 and 65.25

⁵ Isaiah 4.4-6

“The moon will be dismayed, the sun ashamed; for the Lord Almighty will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before its elders—with great glory.” Isaiah 24.23

New nations emerge

With the years gone by, new cities and nations arise. The earth is once again populated. The Bible doesn't give us an indication of the number of people who initiated the thousand years. It only says that compared to the population of the world before the judgment, few men were left¹. It also doesn't inform us of an index of populational growth for this period. Only that new cities and nations will emerge. They'll all be formed from the descendants of these children of God, from different nationalities, who survive the judgment had reached the beginning of the thousand years². One of these cities is called City of the Sun³, and three of these nations are Egypt, Assyria, and Israel⁴. The prophecy also indicates that more than one language will be spoken on earth.

“In that day five cities in Egypt will speak the language of Canaan and swear allegiance to the Lord Almighty. One of them will be called the City of the Sun.” Isaiah 19.18

¹ Isaiah 24.6

² Daniel 12.12

³ Isaiah 19.18

⁴ Isaiah 19.23-25

Memorial

The Bible makes an astonishing revelation. When people come to Jerusalem in order to worship God, upon returning to their homes, leaving the city, they'll have to see the corpses of those who received the mark of the beast. These will remain exposed at the exit of the city throughout the thousand years. On them, there's a fire that never extinguishes and vermin that never die. Their souls are in hell, but their corpses remain intact so that all of humanity, especially the new generations, don't forget the sad end of those who rejected the love of God. This sight will be horrible for humanity and will keep alive the awareness of the reality of eternal condemnation.

"From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me," says the Lord. And they will go out and look on the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; the worms that eat them will not die, the fire that burns them will not be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind." Isaiah 66.23-24

The text also shows us that there will be times of commemorative celebrations (new moon party), and the days of the week will be considered like today once it's mentioned the Saturday.

Jesus' love compels us

Men live their better days, surpassed only by the time when they were in the garden of Eden, for back then, there was no sin. As said, sin is still present, but things are being restored, and God is living amongst mankind. On Eden, at dusk, the Creator would come to talk with Adam and Eve¹. Now, the Creator in human form is present on earth. He travels cities and nations. Talks to people. Jesus won't be unreachable. It's written:

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13.8

Even being the eternal God, Jesus will walk through the streets of the cities, lift toddlers into his arms, hug people, visit families. Gather at the town square, participate in marriages. He'll do what he's always done, love people wherever they are. I don't know about you, dear reader, but I'm rather self-conscious when thinking of it: even after returning to the Father, Jesus will still be the same loving man he was when here on earth before. He hasn't changed at all. This reminds me of the apostle Paul's words:

"For Christ's love compels us..." 2 Corinthians 5.14

¹ Genesis 3.8

The children of God, those who descended from heaven with Jesus, act the same as he does¹. Despite being capable of doing extraordinary things, they are humble².

The planet then lives some sort of return to the time of Eden. Like the waters covering the sea, the whole earth at this moment is filled with the knowledge of God³. The presence of the Holy Spirit can be felt everywhere!

Iron Scepter

Over time, new generations emerge⁴. The earth is once again filled with cities and nations⁵. They're conducted with firmness, because despite the ambient filled with peace, love, and justice⁶, not all the descendants of those who survived to decide to follow God⁷.

The rain doesn't fall on the propriety of those who refuse to worship the Lord⁸. There's no tolerance with those disobedient to the established laws. The rebels are corrected and quickly punished. Those who descended from heaven with Jesus, besides reigning over the earth, also judge the conflicts that arise.

"...I will give authority over the nations—that one will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces..." Revelation 2.26-27

¹ 1 John 3.2-3

² Matthew 11.29

³ Isaiah 11.9

⁴ Isaiah 11.8

⁵ Isaiah 2.3

⁶ Isaiah 32.17-18

⁷ Revelation 20.7-9

⁸ Zachariah 14.17

23th Event

THE JUDGMENT OF THE GREAT WHITE THRONE

Timeline



Revelation 20.11-15

“Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.” Revelation 20.11

Upon the completion of the thousand years, an angel goes towards the kingdom of the dead that is found at the center of the earth¹. He has in his hands the key to the abyss, and in no time, he should release Satan². Upon reaching his destination, flies over the surface of the region of hell, where he hears the screams of agony. After some time, he reaches the abyss. Before descending, he sees a great stretch of emptiness, a place where paradise was formerly found³. Also, further ahead, he sees the lake of fire where the antichrist and the false prophet are being tormented⁴. He then reached the spot where, at the beginning of the thousand years, a seal⁵ was placed to guarantee that the abyss would remain closed until this moment⁶. After breaking it, he descends to the deepest place. The light he emanates from his body illuminates his path. It's possible to catch a glimpse of some of the demons imprisoned.

"In that day the Lord will punish the powers in the heavens above and the kings on the earth below. They will be herded together like prisoners bound in a dungeon; they will be shut up in prison and be punished after many days." Isaiah 24.21-22

These, noticing the luminosity emanated from the angel, become very restless. Grunts echo everywhere, causing a great tumult amongst all the creatures imprisoned.

¹ Matthew 12.40

² Revelation 20.7

³ Ephesians 4.7-10

⁴ Revelation 19.20

⁵ Revelation 20.3

⁶ Revelation 20.1-2

Reaching the deepest place in the abyss, the angel finds Satan¹.

Even after a thousand years, he's still chained. The agitation caused by the angel's passage could be heard in all places, including there where Satan was found. He has concluded that his time has come. The angel then releases him². Like a freed bird, Satan leaves straight for the highest places, following through the pit until he reaches the surface of the earth. A cloud of demons follows right after him. They then spread out to the four ends of the earth.

The battle of Gog and Magog

Occurs then, the last act of Satan. He goes out to deceive the inhabitants of the earth. After some time, a crowd as numerous as the sand of the sea begins to leave their houses. Coming from regions known today as Europe and Asia, they travel towards Jerusalem to wage war against King Jesus and against those who live with him in the city.

It's then armed the stage of humanity's last rebellion, the battle of Gog and Magog!

"When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves..."
Revelation 20.7-9

¹ Isaiah 14.12-15

² Revelation 20.7

Who is from God listens to God's words.

This episode is not about Satan, but about men, their nature and their right to, through their own choices, have a definition as to their own existence in eternity.

Even in an environment governed by God himself, there are those who choose to reject him. This proves that external factors are not paramount when it comes to this issue. These men who are here surrounding Jerusalem grew up in an extremely favorable environment.

This period of a thousand years, as we've seen, initiated with a population composed exclusively of children of God. These rebels' parents served as an example, taught them the ways of the Lord. There are a thousand years of knowledge of God on earth! If this wasn't enough, there's even the memorial of those who participated in the last rebellion (Armageddon), showing vividly the final consequence of that attitude. The presence of celestial men in the world, the river that revitalizes the region of Israel, the cloud of glory that covers Jerusalem, the ferocious animals that have become docile. There's so much powerful evidence! The question is: why then have they chosen the other path? They've merely exercised their given right to choose if they wish to submit to God or not, simple as that. Be or not be included in God's kingdom is not an inheritance transferred from father to son, as a surname. It is also not something that can be taught.

As parents, these who have initiated these generations, have fulfilled their role of teaching to their descendants the ways of the Lord, but it's left to each one to choose whether or not they want to be part of the divine nature.

This has always been and will always be a personal decision. And this decision can be made contrary to all external influences, as it's being shown in this sad example. Jesus said:

“Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.” John 8.47

This episode serves as an alert. Some think they have a guaranteed entrance to God's kingdom, being able to act and live as they wish without major consequences. Since one's parents follow and serve God, in the end, he won't allow that one to be lost. This way of thinking is a great mistake!

*“If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.”
Hebrews 10.26-27*

Then:

“...But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.” Revelation 20.9-10

The children of God are transformed

The children of God who repopulated the earth are then transformed as it had occurred in the rapture¹. The majority of them had been born during the thousand years². The rest are survivors from the judgment time³. All of them, unlike those who let themselves be deceived by Satan, received Jesus as Lord and Savior. Thus their names are also written in the book of life⁴.

They've reached the end of the thousand years having earthly bodies; now they're transformed, receiving celestial bodies⁵.

After being overlaid by incorruptibility, they depart towards Jerusalem. They come from all regions of the world, being possible to see them crossing the skies until they land in the city. They're millions of millions.

“Who are these that fly along like clouds, like doves to their nests?” Isaiah 60.8

¹ Revelation 21.3-4 and 1 Corinthians 15.51-52
⁴ Revelation 20.15 ⁵ 1 Corinthians 15.35-54

² Isaiah 11.6-8

³ Daniel 12.12

Satan and the demons are thrown in the lake of fire and sulfur.

The residents of Jerusalem weren't oblivious to what happened just outside the city; neither are they surprised. As they know of the prophecy, such an outcome was already more than expected. Then it's removed the separation that exists between the spiritual and material sphere, the earth opens up, exposing a great and terrible lake of burning fire. Immediately, Satan and all of his demons become extremely restless, start to move rapidly, for they're desperate, they don't know what to do.

Jerusalem, at this moment, finds itself surrounded by God's armies. They quickly go out into a relentless hunt for Satan and his demons. It's possible to hear the grunts they sound upon being grabbed. Little by little, the angels bring the demons. They're millions of millions. They thrash desperately. The first to be brought forth is the terrified Satan. Everyone is quite flabbergasted when seeing just how insignificant is he who once terrorized the nations and not letting go of those he imprisoned¹. The angel then throws him towards the lake of fire². And in desperation, he falls right before everyone's eyes towards his final destination. All present watch as he, screaming, thrashes amidst the flames of that incandescent liquid. The same happens with the demons.

As the angels are arriving, they're thrown, all at the same time towards the flames.

¹ Isaiah 14.13-17

² Revelation 20.10 and Matthew 25.41

The tribunal is set

Once the last demon is tossed in, the thrones are set. Amongst them is a great throne of fiery flames. It has wheels of burning fire. God the Father sits on it. His attire is white as snow, and the hairs on his head like pure wool. When he sits there, the earth opens up right before his throne, and a lake of fire sprouts from the earth flowing on the surface. It comes from the lake of fire where not long ago were tossed Satan and his angels. It's also where the antichrist and the false prophet are being tormented. It's established then the judgment of the great white throne. It's so-called for it's about a just court, although the throne's appearance is not white but actually flames of fire.

“As I looked, “thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.” Daniel 7.9-10

Millions are found around the throne to serve him. His angels, archangels, seraphim, cherubim, the twenty-four elders, the four living creatures, and the men procured by God. These last few also sat on thrones, for they should participate in this court as judges¹.

¹ Revelation 20.4 and 1 Corinthians 6.3

Death is beaten

Then it comes, the moment of complete victory over death. All whom one day died, resurrect. This is the last day¹ before the Eternal Day². Those whose names weren't written in the Lamb's book of life must attend before he whom they'd rejected before moving forward in eternity. But first, they must be restored to their original state. As it was said here, God has created men having a body, soul, and spirit, and it's like this that they must move ahead in this journey to eternity³. All of the attributes of the body, soul, and spirit must be restored. They must keep feeling heat, hunger, thirst, tiredness, pain, sadness, fear, loneliness, hatred, etc....⁴

The trial is a manifestation of God's love

It'll be the first they gaze upon the face of the one they rejected. If they could, they'd flee from this moment⁵. All of them who will shortly be brought to trial already have their sentence defined, none of their names is written in the book of life⁶. Many of them had, but were scratched off⁷, for they've turned back, decided to love their lives in the world, renouncing the cross, and now they're to stand before the one who they'd turned their backs to⁸.

¹ John 12.48 ² Peter 3.18 ³ Matthew 25.32 and 2 Corinthians 5.10 ⁴ Matthew 5.29-30 and Luke 16.24
⁵ Revelation 6.16 ⁶ Revelation 20.15 ⁷ Revelation 3.5 ⁸ Hebrews 10.26-27

This trial will only give awareness to the condemned of the fair reasons for why they'll be eternally distant from God. This trial is set because, even now, God cares about those who were lost. After all, he's sent his beloved Son so they could be free from this moment¹. If he so wished, he could lead them to the place of eternal punishment without going through this trial. This would be fair.

The exception is the antichrist and the false prophet, they'll not be part of this judgment; they were thrown directly into the lake of fire².

No one will find an irate God on the throne.

Those who will be judged won't find at the trial an irate God, but one filled with compassion. Saddened as a life-guard who sees disappeared amidst the waves the one who refused to hold his extended hand. God not only extended his hand but also gave his own life to save them. There's a feeling here of great sadness not only from God but from all creation³.

How much each will deserve to suffer is what will be known here

How much each person deserves to suffer is what's being trialed at this court. All of the condemned will be taken to the same place, but the level of suffering the same elements of the punishment will cause in each one will be different.

¹ John 3.16

² Revelation 20.10

³ Amos 5.18-20

“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you.” Matthew 11.21-22

The resurrection

Jesus then gives an order for the dead whose names aren't written in the book of life to resurrect.

Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live... for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice: those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.” John 5.25-29

This text shows two moments of the resurrection. First, the resurrection for the life. This, called the first resurrection, as we've seen, started little before the rapture, extending into the end of the seven years (during the thousand years, there will be no resurrections)¹.

¹ Revelation 20.5

The second is this moment of the account in which a resurrection occurs for the judgment¹.

The books are opened

It will no longer be possible to have a perception of time. From here and onward, a thousand years begins to be counted as if it were one day². Then the resurrected at this moment begin to be brought to trial. One by one they're placed before the great white throne. The judgment starts³. They're millions of millions, all standing before the throne⁴. Angels are also brought. These haven't participated in Satan's rebellion. They've sinned on another occasion. Imprisoned in the darkness of the abyss, they also waited for this trial⁵.

The books are opened, and each is judged according to the things written on them⁶. The acts that each one practiced, including the most guarded secrets, are registered there. Everything is confronted by the Word of God. It's been operating since the beginning in their consciousness, accusing them when they sinned⁷ and revealing them through creation itself of the existence of a God to whom one day they've to settle scores with⁸. People will be judged having as standard that which was said by Jesus.

¹ Revelation 20.12-13

² 2 Peter 3.8

³ Revelation 20.13

⁴ Revelation 20.12

⁵ Judah 1.6

⁶ Revelation 20.12

⁷ Romans 2.14-16

⁸ Romans 1.18-21

“There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day.”

John 12.48

All of them, after having their lives confronted with the Word of God, knowing they're deserving of such punishment for having rejected the offer to salvation, bend their knees and declare: “Jesus Christ is the Lord!”

“Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2.9-11

Then the ones judged at the tribunal of the great white throne, whose names couldn't be found in the book of life, are taken by angels and thrown into the lake of fire that burns with flames and sulfur, which is the second death.

They join Satan, the demons, the antichrist, and the false prophet. They'll remain there, being tormented continuously forever and ever. Also, death and hell itself are thrown in the lake of fire¹.

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Revelation 20.14

24th Event

NEW HEAVEN AND NEW
EARTH ARE CREATED

Timeline



Revelation chapters 21 and 22

*“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first
heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no
longer any sea.” Revelations 21.1*

The last man thrown into the lake of fire disappears amidst the flames. The court is in complete silence. No longer are heard the screams of desperation from those who were being judged. There are no words to describe the horrific scene just witnessed. A great sadness still grips everyone. It can be noted by the tears that fall. Everyone there had someone known being judged. Everyone there can see the sadness of the Creator. Then the court is undone.

He dries our tears.

The attention of all turns to the Father and to the Lamb (Jesus), who was still beside the throne. In the eyes of both, there's an expression that makes us feel very much loved. It's something magnificent that goes way beyond our comprehension. The Holy Spirit brings to memory the good things we've done in the course of our lives. We can't find anything in ourselves that justifies the fact that we were separated from those who had to face the horror of this hour¹. This truth was already comprehended, but now it has become even more evident. What we did was recognizing that we were losing ourselves and, like desperate shipwrecks, we grasped the hand of the one who so lovingly extended it to save us.

Thus, after this experience, we find solace.

God dries our tears of sadness at this moment.

¹ Ephesians 2.8

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

Revelation 21.4

Gone was the first heaven and the first earth

Then God the Father, still on his throne, gives an order, and it's heard a great rumble. Immediately, the sun goes out and we can clearly see the universe around us. Stars, planets, galaxies begin a constant rotary movement. The celestial stars start to fuse to one another until they become a great incandescent mass. Earth itself is swallowed.

“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.” 2 Peter 3.10-12

The great glowing mass then starts to distance itself until it finally disappears. We're all around the throne, suspended amidst an immense void. Around, only darkness. The sensation is that we're floating on nothingness. But a wondrous light coming from the Father and the Lamb envelops us. It's God's glory!

The Holy Spirit then gives us understanding that the heavens and earth, along with all there was in them, including the lake of fire where the condemned are found, after being fused, they'll remain in an inaccessible place, forgotten forever¹.

The beginning

Before all of us, there's a throne, and we know that who is sat upon it is our Father! Beside him, there's a man, the Lamb. But there's something different about him for he's also God. We're aware we're here thanks to him. There's an unexplainable sense of gratitude and happiness in our hearts. We know the Holy Spirit inhabits us. He's decided to live eternally within each of us in mutual love. He's always available. His presence is wonderful. He is God like the Father and the Lamb, but the three are a single God.

There are no words to express what we're feeling, but we know such feeling comes from the communion we have with him. In our minds, there's no register whatsoever beyond that which we're living at this moment. We only know we're children of God and that around us are our siblings. There are millions of millions. Everything is new, as if it's the beginning of our existence.

¹ Isaiah 65.17

“See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.” Isaiah 65.17

The Lamb has a white pebble in his hand. Each of us also has one. In each pebble is engraved a name. We understand then that it's our name. One the Father chose. The Lamb also received a name. We're each filled with joy upon discovering the name of the Lamb, as our own name. Each is unique;no one has the same name¹.

The Lamb

When referring to Jesus in the prophecy of Revelation, the Holy Spirit uses a name for identification. The reason for this is that the prophecy needs to be true to the reality that is awaited without creating competition with his current name, Jesus. This would certainly occur if we knew in advance his new name.

So, for now, when showing the future and not wanting to reveal this new name, the Holy Spirit uses a word that identifies him;therefore, the Lamb².

This only happens so we know of whom it's speaking of and to, at the same time, indicate there will be a change.

¹ Revelation 2.17 e 3.12

² Revelation 5.11-12

New heaven and earth are created

Then the Father, still in his throne, begins to order that things be created¹. Along with him is the Lamb. We can hear each of his Words. To each order given, something immediately happens. A new mass emerges, formless and empty. He orders that it take a certain form and that things spring into existence upon it. Obeying the command, the mass until then shapeless becomes a great sphere. Slowly, colors begin to emerge on its surface. Pinpricks of light begin to shine around it. In any direction one looks, they can be seen popping up. They have different forms and sizes and seem to be very distant.

The Holy Spirit then says: This is the earth, where God will inhabit eternally with men!² The earth initiates a movement around itself and, slowly, starts to move away. It can be observed while it goes towards one of the lights closest to it and then places itself around its orbit. We then move towards it. As we approach, we notice its enormity. Gently, we descent upon its surface. We land atop a great and elevated mountain top, the biggest on the planet³. We can observe life and beauty on all sides everywhere.

¹ Hebrews 11.3

² Revelation 21.3

³ Revelation 21.10

Everything catches our attention! There's an infinity of things around. The Holy Spirit teaches us about each of them, simply bringing forth the knowledge inside.

The Holy City

*"I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband."
Revelation 21.2*

After some time, the Holy Spirit calls our attention, says: "You'll now know New Jerusalem, the Holy City.¹" It's then seen the city descending from heaven slowly. Its glow is similar to that of a precious gem². Everyone there has their gaze fixated on it until the city is placed atop a hill. We're not just thrilled by its beauty, but also by what it represents. We see great satisfaction in the faces of our Father and of the Lamb.

We also feel the joy of the Holy Spirit. The whole city is made from pure transparent gold³. From where we stand, we can only see a great wall and a great pearl door⁴. It is open. Near it, there's an angel⁵. Looking around and up top, it's not possible to see the ends of this city.

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Revelation 21.9

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Revelation 21.11

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Revelation 21.18

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Revelation 21.21

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Revelation 21.12

It's enormous! It is circled by walls built atop several overlapping foundations¹. Each one of them is a type of gemstone, and it's decorated with all kinds of other precious stones².

Dimensions

Its height, width, and length are the same. Each side³ measures 1379 miles. So, we have some idea of what Jesus meant when he said: "In my Father's home, there are many houses"⁴, supposed that in all three directions, this city had each house around half-a-mile away from one another. We'd have around ten billion, nine-hundred and forty-one million, and forty-eight thousand houses. Certainly more than enough to accommodate all of God's children!

We should also consider that at this point, all of God's children will have celestial bodies and will be able to move about vertically as well, as the angels do. It's also worth mentioning that the Bible shows that we'll have a height equivalent to what we have today. The celestial measurements are equivalent to ours. A meter represents to the angels the same as it does to us⁵. This means that if this city descended today here on our earth, it'd occupy an area of 1379 miles in height, width, and length as well.

¹ Revelation 21.14

² Revelation 21.19

³ Revelation 21.16

⁴ John 14.2

⁵ Revelation 21.17

The walls of the city

Its walls are 210-foot height. The structure of the wall is of jasper (gemstone colored brown)¹. The foundations of the wall, as said, are made out of gemstones, each one a kind of stone, twelve foundations in total. Each stone has a different color, some being repeated colors.

The first is of jasper; the second, of sapphire (blue); the third, of chalcedony (grey); the fourth, of emerald (green); the fifth, of sardony (brown); the sixth, of sardius (brown); the seventh, of chrysolite (green); the eighth, of beryl (yellow); the ninth, of topaz (blue); the tenth, of chrysoprase (green); the eleventh, of hyacinth (brown); the twelfth, of amethyst (lilac)².

The doors of the city

The city has twelve doors, three on each side³. Each door is a pearl⁴. These are always open⁵; everyone can come and go as they please. Next to them, there's always an angel⁶.

The throne of the Father and of the Lamb

The Father and the Lamb, walking through the door, go towards the city. We all follow after them.

¹ Revelation 21.18

² Revelation 21.19-20

³ Revelation 21.12-13

⁴ Revelation 21.21

⁵ Revelation 21.25

⁶ Revelation 21.12

Even being such a great crowd one loses sight of, we all keep our positions, it's something harmonious, as each one of us knows our exact place. At some point, we reach the most important place in the city. There it's the found the throne of God and the Lamb. From the throne springs a river of shiny water like crystal. This is the river of the waters of life¹. We also find a plaza. It's made out of gold pure like transparent glass². The river that springs from the throne flow in the middle of the plaza. In the middle of it, there's a tree that occupies the whole width of the river from margin to margin. This is the tree of life³.

A panorama of the eternity

"The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it." Revelation 21.24-26

We'll be occupied serving God⁴, but we don't know how exactly that will be, we only know that we'll be kings during all of eternity⁵. None of us will spend eternity idling. Just as our Father works, we'll work also⁶. There won't be death, sickness, tears, or pain⁷.

¹ Revelation 22.1

² Revelation 21.21

³ Revelation 22.2

⁴ Revelation 22.3

⁵ Revelation 22.5

⁶ John 5.17

⁷ Revelation 21.4

Some inhabitants of this new earth, those who will form the nations that live outside the city, will utilize the leaves from the tree of life to receive cure¹. We aren't informed on who are those who'll live on the outside of the city, nor what kind of need for cure they'll have. We only know that we, the children of God, the men, will live inside the city. We will have incorruptible bodies²; we won't need any kind of cure!

The tree of life will give twelve fruits, one each month³, an indication that there will be cycles of days.

We don't need the light from the sun. It will exist, but we won't need it, for God's light will shine upon us. All who gaze upon us will know that we're children of God, your name will be on our foreheads⁴. Each child of God will be rewarded with a different class award. We don't know exactly how that will be, only that this is defined as far as we obey the Word of God while we're here⁵.

¹ Revelation 22.2

² 1 Corinthians 15.51-53

³ Revelation 22.2

⁴ Revelation 22.4

⁵ 1 Corinthians 3.11-15 and Hebrews 6.10



THE BRIDE,
THE WIFE
OF THE LAMB

“One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me: Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb; And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.” Revelation 21.9-10

New Jerusalem, as we’ve seen, is a real city whose architect and builder is God himself ¹. It was designed to fulfill its purpose of being the dwelling place of God with men². But it also represents the bride³ that will become the wife of the Lamb.

The city is the image that God has of his bride, wife.

When designing the city, God used as a model his bride. Each detail was planned from how he sees her. Imagine that a man said it like this: “I’ll paint a picture to show what my bride represents.” He shows then a painting of a flower. But not satisfied, he paints other pictures: a pearl necklace, a golden bar, and finally, a shiny ring. We’d reach the conclusion that because of the images that represent her, in the eyes of the man, that woman is very precious, isn’t it true? Instead of painting a picture, in order to show us what we, who are his bride, represent to God and what kind of home we are to his Spirit, he’s constructed this magnificent, glorious, precious, and holy city!

¹ Hebrews 11.10 ² Revelation 21.3 ³ Revelation 21.9-10

That is the reason why in the biblical description of the city (Revelations 21.9-27 and 22.1-5), at one point, God speaks of the city as a bride, wife, and in another, as a city where we'll live with him. For God, one is the image of the other.

God, the bride, wife, and the city.

The city brings with it much joy for all the children of God, but it won't be the most important thing. As magnificent as it was, it can't be compared to the glory and the happiness we'll have enjoying the presence of our celestial Father, of Jesus and of the Holy Spirit during all eternity. We'll see his face eternally¹!

At the same time, for God, the city isn't the most precious thing; he hasn't died for the city, but for winning over his bride².

Even before eternity, the Holy Spirit had already planned to inhabit each one of those who would become the children of God³. For him, then, we always were and will be more precious than the gemstones of the city. They're only there to eternally proclaim this truth! For him, then, his family is the most precious thing.

¹ Revelation 22.4

² 1 Peter 1.18-19

³ 2 Timothy 1.9

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying: Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death, or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. He who was seated on the throne said: I am making everything new! Then he said: Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true. He said to me: It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.” Revelation 21.3–7

CONCLUSION

For the conclusion of this narrative, I can't think of anything more appropriate than the words said by the Holy Spirit after having told how the destruction of the current universe will come:

“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives, as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.” 2 Peter 3.10-13

We can compare the situation in which humanity finds itself currently to the one in which passengers of a ship that sails towards an iceberg. People enjoy the cruise without knowing that it'll have a tragic end.

In this instance, humanity is being alerted of the imminent danger by the church; some give credit to the warning, others don't believe it. But there are still those who, even knowing that the ship will sink, for they believe the warning, don't give it attention for they don't want to stop enjoying the pleasures that the journey offers!

The Holy Spirit asks you: what kind of person should you be since these things will end this way? Each of us must give God the answer to his question!

Thank you for having accompanied me in this journey, may God bless you richly.

The author



APPENDIX-1

I'M NOT READY!

WHAT TO DO?

If you're feeling moved by everything you've read, it's because the Holy Spirit is speaking to your heart. You must be asking yourself: "What should I do to be saved?"

Salvation is not something that must be done, but something to be received through faith. It's believing in the Son of God that we reach eternal life:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3.16

Let me explain:

– For God so loved the world

This refers us to the work of Jesus, that is, to all that involves his coming to this world to save us. Also, besides declaring the existence of God, it reveals that he loves us!

– That he gave his one and only Son

This part, we all know very well. It's not enough to say one loves someone; it's needed proof of this love. God not only said that he loves us, but he also proved that this love is real.

– That whoever believes in him

Here we find the part that pertains to us. Unlike doing something, we're to believe in all the work God has done to rescue us from the eternal condemnation.

Remember the thief who was crucified beside Jesus? There were three large nails keeping him on the cross. Even though, because believed in Jesus, can be saved!

When God offers us a chalice containing his grace, something that blesses us, our natural tendency is to focus on the chalice and not on its contents. Easily we deviate from the truth that we reach eternal life because we believe (content) and instead focus our attention on what the salvation produces (chalice).

– Shall not perish

A revelation that the one who doesn't believe in Jesus is already being condemned. The eternal condemnation is something real, and it's through faith in God that we're freed from it.

– But have eternal life

A guarantee that God gives us that there is a reward for those who believe in him, eternal life.

As we've seen, salvation is God's own initiative in the sense of reconciling the human being with himself. God did everything necessary so that this was possible. But only those who believe in the divine provision can be reconciled.

When the sinful man hears the good news about the life and work of Jesus (the Gospel), believes in what he heard, and makes a decision of faith, tremendous changes happen in his life.

All originated by the power of the Holy Spirit and followed by concrete attitudes of the one who truly believes. Jesus defined this as “born again” or “born from above”. To who experiences this new birth, experiences from then onwards, a new life, now covered by the robes of justice acquired through faith in Jesus.

In the book of Acts of the Apostles, we find a story in which Peter speaks to a crowd about Jesus, who had recently been crucified. See the reaction of those men and women and observe what Peter had suggested to them:

“When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles: Brothers, what shall we do? Peter replied, Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”
Acts 2.37-38

Here’s a list containing the four things that happen in the life of one who was saved by faith in Jesus: experience repentance, are baptized in the waters, receive forgiveness for their sins, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

I want to emphasize that it’s not these things that save us; on the contrary, these are fruits from salvation. Once we believe, we’re transported to the kingdom of God; as said, we’re born again, and all of these things constitute as result of our faith.

Repentance consists of changing our comprehension of things, including ourselves, recognizing ourselves as sinners separated from God. We clamor for forgiveness and give our lives to him. As a consequence, we change our attitude, recognizing that we need to be led and governed by Jesus. The Bible affirms that God accepts this prayer done by faith, forgives our sins, and makes us children of God. So we decide that we don't want to live according to our wishes and instead want to live according to the will of God.

Once we believe, we're forgiven and decide to change; God leads us to other steps, especially the baptism. This is the "burial" (Romans 6.4) of the man who lived according to his own will. It's a public declaration – and of faith – about something we don't see, but it is real: we're dead to the world, to the devil, and to our flesh, but living to God, united with Christ as members of his body, that is the church. It's not about the act of baptism alone, but of a new disposition. Not only I WAS, but I AM baptized in Christ.

Beyond that, we receive the Holy Spirit, who comes to inhabit in our spirit.

When the Bible says we receive eternal life, it's not referring to a future time, but to the divine and celestial life, that inhabits our interior when we're born again. And this life isn't restricted to our interior, but flows, like a river of living water (John 7.38-39), manifesting the power and mercy of the Holy Spirit to all who surround us.

Our salvation consists in believing in Jesus; we die for ourselves and don't live independently from him. For this reason, God guides this path of purification and sanctification until, further ahead, we become like Jesus, our aim. Anything different from that is nothing more than mere deception, and we've seen who is the spirit of deception in the world, isn't that true?

"I believe, but, now, how can I be baptized and live in this new manner?"

To be baptized, it's necessary to seek the church. There's no way to work around this. I say this because I know it's something that causes a lot of resistance. What makes us think that rejecting God's family now we'll be included in it when we reach the eternal day? God doesn't do anything in this world that isn't through his body, that is, the church. This is how he'd established things.

Thus, if this book has reached your hands through someone who follows Jesus, I recommend that you seek them for help on the matter of the baptism. They'll tell you what to do.

If it's reached you in some other way, ask the Holy Spirit, so he'll lead you to those who the Bible calls the followers of Jesus (disciples), the people who are part of the church. It's not difficult to identify them, Jesus has said we'd know a tree for its fruits. I'm sure the Holy Spirit will lead you to those who belong to him. But you can assume the commitment with God right now.

Make a prayer out loud right there where you are. Say with your own words that you're repentant of your sins and that from now on, you recognize Jesus as the Lord of your life. Say you want to be baptized, receive the Holy Spirit and be part of God's family, which is his church.

If you believed, while things don't happen, initiate your life of communion with God through prayer and reflection of his Word. Speak with him every day, tell him that you love him, and put your needs before him. Pray in Jesus' name, for it's through this name that he hears us (John 14.14). The Word of God is sustenance for our souls. Initiate your reading with the Gospels. I recommend that the first to be read be the Gospel of John. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you comprehend what you read. Don't take too long to seek the church, the Holy Spirit will lead you, that's true, but you need to do your part. Jesus has said that the one who searches will find.

For those who believed in Jesus, it's worth the Word:

"But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel." Hebrews 12.22-24

If this is your case, then welcome to the family of God!



APPENDIX-2

CAN THE RAPTURE
HAPPEN AT ANY MOMENT?
THE LAST TRUMPET

I leave here for those interested in an additional detailing about the moment when the rapture happens. The reason for this is because many Christians think that this event could happen at any moment. However, the Word of God says that we shouldn't let ourselves be deceived when it comes to the moment it will happen!

It is written that the rapture will only happen after the revelations of the antichrist:

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him...Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction." 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3

In another text, the Holy Spirit links the rapture to the echo of God's trumpet:

"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air..." 1 Thessalonians 4.16-17

After, he shows us that this "trumpet call of God" to which he refers is the last trumpet:

"Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed." 1 Corinthians 15.51-52

And finally, that this “last trumpet” is the seventh trumpet of the revelation in the book of Revelation:

“...But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.” Revelation 10.7

Therefore, the rapture is to happen after the manifestation of the antichrist, and on the days of the seventh angel’s voice, right after Jesus has given the order, so the mystery of God could be fulfilled, after having been heard the voice of the Archangel, after the trumpet of God has been heard, after the Lord has descended from heaven and the dead have been resurrected, along with the living having been transformed. And all of this after an interval of three and a half years counting from the manifestation of the antichrist, time when the punishments of the six first trumpets will have happened already. That means, at the half of the seven years. Consequently, only once the faithful church is removed from the earth, the foretold events can happen; the antichrist manifesting fully; the broken pact; the interruption of Israel’s sacrifices to God; the establishment of the desolating abomination; the temple at Jerusalem being once again considered as God’s sanctuary on earth; the two witnesses sent to the world; the antichrist’s kingdom taking form; initiating the countdown of 1335 days for the return of Jesus to earth, and the sealed Jews occupying the position that belonged to the church.

All of these things only happen after half of the seven years, confirming that it's at this moment when the seventh trumpet is played.



APPENDIX-3

CHRONOLOGY

I want to clarify how I reached the conclusion of the three affirmations I did during the account of the events. These are:

- After 75 days after the rapture, the antichrist's kingdom comes to be;
- The persecution of the faithful to God will last 30 days;
- It will take 45 days so that the seven bowls of God's wrath are poured onto the earth.

The Holy Spirit provides us data that allows us to reach these numbers with the following:

The formation of the kingdom of the antichrist

- 75 days after the rapture, the antichrist's kingdom comes to be

In Daniel 12.12 we find the information that blessed

are those who reach the end of the 1335 days. This will be the interval of time between the rapture and Jesus' return to earth. Revelation 13.5 informs us that the kingdom of the antichrist will last 42 weeks, which are 1260 days. We know that the end of the antichrist's kingdom will happen with the return of Jesus to earth. Conclusion: 1335 days - 1260 days = 75 days

The persecution of the followers of God

- The persecution of those faithful to God will last 30 days

Daniel 12.11 says that the abomination that causes desolation will last 1290 days.

We know that the beginning of this will come after the rapture, a moment when the antichrist will be freed to act as he wishes, being ended from the moment in which the seven goblets begin to be poured onto the earth.

At the same time, Revelation 12.6 tells us that after the rapture, during the 1260 days, the antichrist won't be able to touch the children of God who are on earth. Ended the 1260 days, he'll wage war against them and will win (Revelation 13.7).

Then, $1290 \text{ days} - 1260 \text{ days} = 30 \text{ days}$

The manifestation of God's wrath

- It'll last 45 days for the seven goblets of God's wrath to be poured onto the earth

As we've seen, 1290 days after the rapture ends the desolating abomination. This occurs because it's initiated the punishments of the seven goblets, which are concluded at the end of the 1335 days. Thus, $1290 \text{ days} - 1335 \text{ days} = 45 \text{ days}$

About the seven years

In Daniel 9.27, the Holy Spirit reveals that the pact the antichrist will make will be of 'one week', which means seven years.

It also shows that the period will be fractionated in half, being that the second half of these seven years is of 1335 days (Daniel 12.12), that is, a little more than three and a half years (three years, eight months, and fifteen days). This is why, as it's indicated at the clock I made, the persecution of the followers of God and the pouring of God's wrath cover respectively 30 + 45 days after the end of the seven years.

The difference between the arrival of the judgment time and the judgment time

Finally, I want to conclude explaining the difference between the moment the judgment arrives, and the things that will happen during the judgment.

Jesus said:

"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Matthew 24.36

The return of Jesus to earth is linked to the end of the judgment time. We can, then, taking as basis what Jesus said above, claim that no one knows when the judgment will come. Using the analogy of the wedding, it would be like saying that God informs us that there will be a marriage, but doesn't tell us the date of the marriage!

The commitment of engagement is already confirmed, we know the party location, what kind of people were invited, the vestments they must wear and when the bride will be taken to the altar. In the church's case, God only orients them to be constantly ready for the arrival of the moment when they're to be taken to meet the groom, even gives details of how this will happen, but without saying when this will happen.

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