

Apocalyptic Sweep of Revelation

Beginning of
the New
Testament
Church

Today

"The Time of the End"
Dn8:17,19, 11:35-40,
12:4,9, Hb1:1-2, 9:26b,
At2:1-17, 1Cr10:11,
1Pt20-21a, 1Jh2:18

Rv6:11, 13:5
**Start of the
Tribulation**

Seal Six Rv6:12-17
Heavenly Signs - the harbinger
of The Day of YHWH Rv6:17
Mk13:24-25, Mt24:29,
Lk21:25-26

Seal Seven Rv8:1-5
The Day of YHWH
Mk13:26-27, Mt24:30-31,
Lk21:27-28

Seventh Trumpet Rv11:15-19
The First Resurrection Rv20:4-5
Mk13:27, Mt24:31, 1Cr15:52,
1Th4:16, Rv14:14-16

The Two Witnesses
Rv11:1-10 (no indication
when their activity starts)

**The
Marriage
Supper**
Rv19:6-9

The Battle of Armageddon
Rv16:16, 21, 19:17-21
**The King of
Kings** arrives
followed by the
'white cavalry'
Rv19:11-16

Beginning
of the World
Tomorrow

Ongoing World Conditions
Mk13:7b,8b, Mt24:6b,8, Lk21:9b

Hegemony of the Beast

- The Beast Power is in full control of the earth Rv13: & 17:
- The true Church and all who will not worship the Beast are under severe persecution and death Rv13:7-8,15, 14:13, 16:6, 17:6, 18:24, Mk13:21-23, Mt24:23-26

During this period the Beast Power brings on a brief period of international trade, prosperity and luxury Rv18:3,7,9,11-19

- All people are required to worship the Beast Rv13:4,8,12
- There is in place some form of an image of the Beast - an idol Rv13:14

- The mark of the Beast is enforced Rv13:16-18
- This either is, or is coincident with, the **Abomination of Desolation** Mk14:14, Mt24:15

God Begins to Act

- Sealing the '144,000' Rv7:1-8
- Do these represent the people God is preserving to form the New Israel?

- The great multitude who repent during the tribulation Rv7:9-17
- These people must have had some exposure to God's truth prior to the tribulation
- Hopefully they will include many who were formerly in the Church

Cosmic Disturbances

- the initial punishment of Beast Power

First Trumpet Rv8:7
Hail and fire, mixed with blood are thrown on the earth

Second Trumpet
Rv8:8-9
A great mountain, burning with fire, is thrown into the sea

Third Trumpet
Rv8:10-11
A great star blazing like a torch falls on rivers and springs

Fourth Trumpet
Rv8:12
A third of the sun, moon, and stars are struck darkening a third of their light

World War

- unleashed by Satan through the Beast Power in his final attempt to thwart the Plan of God

Fifth Trumpet
Rv9:1-12
... I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the ... bottomless pit ... , and from the shaft rose smoke ... from the smoke came locusts on the earth, and they were given power like the power of scorpions of the earth. ... And in those days people will seek death ...

Sixth Trumpet Rv9:13-21
... the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour, the day, the month, and the year, were released to kill a third of mankind. The number of mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand; ... they wore breastplates the color of fire and of sapphire and of sulfur, and the heads of the horses were like lions' heads, and fire and smoke and sulfur came out of their mouths. By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed ...

Seven Last Plagues

God's final punishment

Plague One Rv16:2
Harmful and painful sores afflict those who worshipped the Beast and took the mark

Plague Two Rv16:3
Sea becomes like blood and all living things die

Plague Three Rv16:4-7
An angel extolls the justness of the punishment of those who shed the blood of the saints and prophets

Plague Four Rv16:8-9
People are scorched - they curse God and refuse to repent

Plague Five Rv16:10-11
- the throne of the Beast and his kingdom is plunged into darkness
- People gnaw their tongues in anguish - they curse God and refuse to repent

Plague Six Rv16:12-16
The Euphrates is dried up to open the way for the armies to proceed to the battle of Armageddon

Plague Seven Rv16:17-21
- A loud voice proclaims, "It is done!"
- Final wrath is poured on 'Babylon the Great' ... as people continue to curse God

The Final Victory

And the beast was captured, and ... the false prophet ... These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. Rv19:20

... an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer ... Rv20:1-3

Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw ... those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. **They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.** Rv20:4

In Rv6:11 the tribulation starts with organized efforts to destroy the Church by Satan through the Beast Power

And if the Lord had not cut short the days, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he shortened the days. Mk13:20 // Mt24:22

It is NOT clear whether the "Seven Thunders", chapter ten, are part of the "Second Woe" or if they occur earlier.

Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!" Rv8:13

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