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The Revelation of Jesus Christ

CHAPTER 20

20 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ²He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is *the* Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

⁴And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then *I saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received *his* mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy *is* he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

⁷Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number *is* as the sand of the sea. ⁹They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet *are*. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

¹¹Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

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¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

(Revelation 20:1-15 NKJV)

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The original scrolls had no chapters, or 20:1-3 would have ended chapter 19. Verse 4 would have begun chapter 20 with its thrones for the elect judges from heaven. Its twenty-four elders are sitting on thrones in 4:4, worshiping the Lamb in 5:8. The elders worship the Father in chapters 4, 5, 11, and 19; they worship Yeshua in 5:11-14. The Lord said His twelve apostles would be judges with Him in His Kingdom. (Mat. 19:28; Lk. 22:30) They're among those in 20:4. Four *living creatures* also praise the Lamb in chapter 5:

⁹ And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed
people for God
from every tribe and language and people and
nation,

¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to
our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.” (Rev. 5:9-10 ESV)

During the 19th century's Industrial Revolution, John Nelson Darby believed an idea that attracted millions of Christians but weakened our resolve to face death for Christ.²¹³ It was only an idea, but it might be why Jesus asked, *When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?* (Lk. 18:8b)

Shortly before Darwin, Darby introduced the hypothesis of a pretribulation rapture. Was Darwin's proof in the random chance of the mathematical laws of science? Where was Darby's proof? Still we look to teachers who are often deceived by their own assumptions. After repeatedly listening to false ideas, we're deaf to the truth while wondering why we can't understand the words of nature's God. And if we can't, we presume no one else can.

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The Bible tells us God created male and female. Was it by evolution, selective mutation, random chance, or by design? But evolution can't be explained by common sense, so atheists deny the self-evident truth of the creation of male and female. We're upset that creation is denied, but have we believed *immediately after the tribulation*, the Lord comes on a cloud for the elect? or have we believed our own desires and not His words?

Paul wrote the living do not ascend before the dead rise. *The first resurrection* of the church in 20:4-5 is of the beheaded who resisted the beast. None of the living ascend before the dead rise from their graves. Jesus comes enthroned on a cloud right *after the tribulation*. (cf. Rev. 6:16; Mat. 24:30; 1 Thes. 4:17)

Most of us are confused about which saints are raised from death and which of the living ascend with them. False teachings have fooled and blinded the church to what the Bible says. We think we can be casual about what we believe, but we can't. By study, prayer, and meekness, we receive the Word as it truly is.

Without a verse to substantiate a "pretribulation rapture," our false hope cannot prepare us to meet Christ *after the tribulation*. Shunning the words of God by our own desires, we gainsay by serpentine paths, insisting a rapture takes us up without facing martyrdom. Churches worldwide are fooled by that teaching, even though their families and friends have died in Christ for the faith. Martyrs who resist the beast are caught up together with the elect when most of the saints are still sleeping:

³⁵ "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." (Lk. 12:35-40 NIV)

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The First Resurrection

When will He come for us? Christ the firstfruits rose with believers in the promise of a new covenant. He revealed Himself to them who searched for God and believed His words. The elect of the ancient world yearned to see their Messiah's birth and are the witnesses who surround us today.

²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that *are* Christ's at His coming. ²⁴ Then cometh the end, when He shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. (1 Cor. 15:22-24) ["Coming" is Gr.: *parousia*, or "nearness."]

When Yeshua rose as the firstfruits of the dead, many saints who'd died before Him appeared in Jerusalem. But just those who heard His voice rose with Christ at His resurrection:

²⁵ "Most assuredly, I say to you, that the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. (John 5:25 NKJV)

⁵² And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, ⁵³ And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. (Mat. 27:52-53)

The hour ... now is ... (see Jn. 5:25) This reveals His own resurrection in which the elect heard His voice and rose after Jesus did as saints who turned to God by His laws. In appealing to His mercies and receiving His grace, they lived by faith in the Scriptures, and God gave them new hearts. (Jer. 31:33; Hab. 2:4)

The hour is coming refers to the first resurrection after Christ arose as firstfruits to God. Out of the tribulation, its martyrs are chosen to rise to life, having resisted the beast and his mark.

With no scriptural witness, most churches believe the whole church is caught up before the tribulation though no one ascends before the first resurrection. The first resurrection after Christ is of the martyrs, beheaded for denying the beast and his image, not receiving his mark or worshipping him. The living cannot ascend to the Lord in the air before the dead rise to life. (1 Thes. 4:15)

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According to the Bible, Jesus raises *the rest of the dead* after the thousand years, not until then. (Rev 20:4-5) If we believe the Word is true to the gospel, all other doctrines fade in its light:

²⁸ “Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹ and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. (Jn. 5:28-29 NKJV)

²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. ... ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. (1 Cor. 15:22, 26)

Before the living are caught up, *the dead in Christ will rise first*. At *the first resurrection* of new testament believers, martyrs are the first to rise from their graves and are caught up together with the survivors. (1 Thes. 4:16-17) Few teachers explain the resurrections, but we’ve read their words many times. If we believe men but not God, we may be gainsayers—spurning His words as we read them. Faith in the Word destroys the carnal nature and exposes the false teachings. If we prefer vanities, the Word will shine its light on them until we repent and believe.

Two resurrections of believers remain. His Kingdom is in the midst of them. We should rejoice in our sanctification by the knowledge of the truth that leads to redemption. Longsuffering for us, He waits for us to believe His words, but few of us have done that, *and few there be that find it.* (from Mat. 7:14)

As Jesus led the dead out of their tombs, the firstfruits of Israel lead the ascension of believers after the first resurrection. *Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.* (Rev. 20:6) Christ comes on a cloud to take up only the elect:

¹³ And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from hence forth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them. ¹⁴ And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. (Rev. 14:13-14)

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At the sixth seal, the great trumpet of God sounds, and Jesus comes *on/in the clouds* (in *Mat. 24:29; Mk. 13:26*). His appearance alarms the world. He comes seated on a throne. After rising from the dead, Yeshua walked through walls, cooked fish, ate with His disciples, and finally ascended into a cloud until, on a cloud, He takes up the elect. (*Mat. 24:29-31; Rev. 6:12-17; Thes. 4:16-18*)

⁹ And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; ¹¹ Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

(Acts 1:9-11) *Shall so come*, [Gr.: *ērchōmai*], has a variety of applications. This means He comes/appears on a cloud.

The crown of life rewards martyrdom, but Jesus comes for us with terrible signs at His appearing as He told us in advance:

¹² I saw when the Lamb opened the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake. The sun became as black as sackcloth made of goat's hair, and the full moon became like blood. ¹³ The stars of heaven fell to the earth like a fig tree drops unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. ¹⁴ The heaven ripped apart like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved from their places.

¹⁵ Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the military commanders and the rich and the mighty and everyone—slave and free—hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains. ¹⁶ And they tell the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of the One seated on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb." ¹⁷ For the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" (*Rev. 6:12-17 TLV*)

⁴ ... And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (*Rev.20:4b NIV*)

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Thy Kingdom Come

⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see **him**, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. (Rev. 1:7 ESV)

²⁸ “Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear His voice (Jn. 5:28 ESV) [Gr.: *mnēmēiōn*, “monuments, tombs, or graves”]

Before the thousand years, during His wrath, Israel is envied by the world; of course she always was. When His Presence descends on the Mount of Olives, it splits in two as a way of escape for those in the city. The great city is divided in three, probably by the great earthquake that shakes the whole earth.

When Jesus returns He comes with armies to slay Israel's enemies. Mountains fall, cities crumble, and the earth reels. The beast and his prophet are cast into the lake of fire when the Lamb destroys their armies in Armageddon. (2:16; 19:15, 21) All kinds of birds of prey eat their dead, even eagles. (See Ezk. 39; Zec. 14.)

A mighty angel descends with a key and imprisons Satan in the pit till the thousand years end. (Cf. 9:1,11) With a rod of iron, Yeshua rules His Kingdom to bring peace to the earth and to all who trust and obey Him. God came in His Son to save us from sin, and He returns to destroy Satan's kingdom.

²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house. (Mk. 3:26-27 ESV)

Jesus revealed the wars of the kingdoms to John after taking and unsealing its scroll to disclose it from beginning to end. At the end of time, *the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat. ... (from 2 Pet. 3:10)* John describes Yeshua as the *One from whose face the earth and the heavens fled away; and there was found no place for them. (from Rev. 20:11)* At first *empty space and darkness was upon the face of the deep*. Studying it, physicists unwittingly discovered its end: *Rolled up like a scroll (in Is. 34:4)* without any space left, the universe disappears with a big bang!

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¹⁰ He also says,

“In the beginning, O Lord, you laid
the foundations of the earth
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

¹¹ They will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.

¹² You will roll them up like a robe;
like a garment they will be changed.

But you remain the same, and your years never end.”
(Heb. 1:10-12a ESV)

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away like a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

(2 Pet. 3:10 ESV) – This happens at the end of time.

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. (Rev. 20:11 ESV) – space is gone.

The Destroyer's Last Hour

As the thousand years begin Babylon is absent. Armageddon is a grave, and the earth is changed. After Messiah reigns, at the sixth trump, four fallen angels, bound in the Euphrates, are freed as an army of two hundred million kill a third of mankind. (9:16)

In 11:18 *the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come*. (Cf. 20:7-10; Ps. 2:1-3) Ezekiel 38 sees Israel **living in peace and safety in villages without walls**—not so of their nation until the Millennial Kingdom of Yeshua (seen in Zec. 14:11 and Ezk. 39:26). At last Gog leads her enemies against Jerusalem. Fire and hail destroy them, not the sword of His mouth (in 19:15, 21; 20:7-10).

⁹ And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one. ... ¹¹
And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.
(Zech. 14:9, 11)

38 The word of the LORD came to me: ²“Son of man, set your face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him ³and say, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against

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you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.⁴ And I will turn you about and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armor, a great host, all of them with buckler and shield, wielding swords.⁵ Persia, Cush, and Put are with them, all of them with shield and helmet;⁶ Gomer and all his hordes; Beth-togarmah from the uttermost parts of the north with all his hordes—many peoples are with you. ...

¹⁰ “Thus says the Lord GOD: On that day, thoughts will come into your mind, and you will devise an evil scheme¹¹ and say, ‘I will go up against a land of unwalled villages. I will fall upon the quiet people who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls and having no bars or gates’ ...

¹⁴ “Therefore, son of man, prophesy, and say to Gog: Thus says the Lord GOD: On that day, when my people Israel are dwelling securely, will you not know it?¹⁵ You will come from your place out of the uttermost parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great host, a mighty army.¹⁶ You will come up against my people Israel like a cloud covering the land. ...

¹⁷ “Thus says the Lord GOD: Are you he of whom I spoke in former days by my servants the prophets of Israel, who in those days prophesied for years that I would bring you against them?¹⁸ But on that day, the day that Gog shall come against the land of Israel, declares the Lord GOD, my wrath will be roused in my anger.¹⁹ For in my jealousy and in my blazing wrath I declare, On that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel.²⁰ The fish of the sea and the birds of the heavens and the beasts of the field and all creeping things that creep on the ground, and all the people who are on the face of the earth, shall quake at my presence. And the mountains shall be thrown down, and the cliffs shall fall, and every wall shall tumble to the ground.²¹ I will summon a sword against Gog on all my mountains, declares the Lord GOD. Every man's sword will be against his brother.²² With pestilence and bloodshed I will enter into judgment with him, and I will rain upon him and his hordes and the many peoples who are with him torrential rains and hailstones, fire and sulfur.²³ So I will show

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my greatness and my holiness and make myself known in the eyes of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD. (Ezk. 38:1-6, 10-11, 14-16a, 17-23 ESV)

In 20:19 *there was a great earthquake in the land of Israel*, seen at the second half of the **sixth trumpet** in 11:13 after the witnesses ascend to God at the end of the seventieth week. The last judgment (v. 22, p. 237) is at the **last trumpet** (in 11:15-18). The living and the dead stand before His throne **on the last day**. The dragon is cast into the lake of fire, which is the second death, where the beast and his false prophet are (in 20:10).

⁸ “But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”
(Rev. 21:8 NKJV; cf. 20:15)

After the thousand years, the dragon is released at the fifth trumpet till the rest of the dead rise—saints and sinners—**at the last trumpet on the last day**. (See Rev. 11:15-18; Jn. 5:28-29)

⁷ Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number *is* as the sand of the sea. ⁹ They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

(Rev. 20:7-9 NKJV) [Gog is a man led by Satan.]

² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. (Dan. 12:2 ESV)

After the tribulation the elect are caught up to Yeshua, but many more rise on the last day than at any other time. ²⁸ ... all that are in the graves shall hear his voice ²⁹ and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. (from Jn. 5:28b-29) [adverse judgment] Some of the last shall be first.

The elect were chosen as the first resurrection of the martyrs two millennia after Jesus rose as *the firstfruits of them that slept*.

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The beheaded who rejected the beast and its mark rise to life at that time. Then they ascend together with the living to meet the Lord above them. These are the wedding guests, waiting for the marriage to begin while His indignation is being poured out on the earth. After His wrath leaves the temple, the martyrs return to earth with Messiah for His Bride. They reign a thousand years until the seventh seal's trumpets sound (in chapters 8, 9, and 11).

³⁹ This is the will of the Father who sent me, that of all He has given Me, I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. ⁴⁰ And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day. ...

⁴⁴ No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. ...

⁵⁴ Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

(Jn. 6:39-40, 44, 54 NKJV) [His metaphors are spiritual.]

¹¹ For no one can lay any other foundation than what is already laid—which is *Yeshua* the Messiah. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,¹³ each one's work will become clear. For the Day will show it, because it is to be revealed by fire; and the fire itself will test each one's work—what sort it is. ¹⁴ If anyone's work built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss—he himself will be saved, but as through fire. (1 Cor. 3:11-15 TLV)

The general will of God for us is that we press on for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus until we rise **on the last day** at **the last trump** when He divides the wheat from the tares and the good catch from the bad. (Mat. 13:24-30; 47-50) He judges and rewards us by the good or evil works we've done. All who are blotted out of the Book of Life are cast into the fire.

¹⁵ And **the seventh angel sounded**; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. ¹⁶ And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their

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seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, ¹⁷ Saying, We give thee thanks, O LORD God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. ¹⁸ And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth. (Rev. 11:15-18)

Heaven and earth flee from His Presence. There's no place for them; space is gone. All that remains is spiritual when saints and sinners stand before the Lord of heaven and earth.

Jesus is the Judge on the great white throne when the living and the dead rise before Him. Those whose names are not blotted from the Book of Life have everlasting life, but hypocrites are sent to the lake of fire where the worm never dies.

The Great White Throne

Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after. Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid. (1 Tim. 5:24-25) The degrees of justice in the Scriptures prove God judges fairly in righteousness, according to a person's works, whether good or evil; yet our righteousness is like filthy rags to God. This is why we walk in the Spirit by faith, not in the strength of our flesh. If we discern between the two, He works through us and credits it to us because we live by faith.

When the time for the dead to rise comes, the great white throne is raised high on a *bema*, a platform, for **the judgment seat of Christ** at the **last woe, the last trumpet**. Both saints and sinners stand before Jesus who judges impartially with wisdom:

⁹ Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. ¹¹ Knowing, therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences. (2 Cor. 5:9-11 NKJV)

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It's not for us to judge outsiders, but to be unblemished by the world. The door to our heart is unlocked, ready to open for our Savior at any time.

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever. (1 Jn. 2:15-17 ESV)

Struck by the appearance of a holy messenger, Daniel said, *... and there hath been no power left in me, and my honour hath been turned in me to corruption, yea, I have not retained power.* (from Dan. 10:8 YLT) The angel later said, *at the completion of the scattering of the power of the holy people, finished are all these.* (from Dan. 12:7 YLT) And so it is **on the last day**.

At the first trump, the beast and prophet are ancient history. At the last trump, the red dragon joins them in the lake of fire.

¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. (Rev. 20:13-15)

²⁵ For he must reign till he hath put all enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. (1 Cor. 15:25-26) – at the last trump on the last day.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. (1 Cor. 15:54) – at the last trumpet on the last day.

In *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*, He opens His testimony as the Spirit of prophecy. The one speaking to John was a man like him whom he nearly worshiped. He described himself: *I am thy fellow servant and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.* (Rev. 19:10)

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His Revelation discloses the prophecies and proves the one true God is in His Son whose testimony is true. He is the Prophet greater than Moses to whom God said,

¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

(Deut. 18:18-19 ESV)

That which Is Perfect

After three messengers lead the way; after Elijah repairs the path; after a beast, a false prophet, and the dragon appear; after the saints resist the beast and his mark; after the beast overcomes the saints; after the great tribulation; after the virgins are sealed; after Yeshua calls the martyrs from their graves; after the **great trumpet of God**; after the firstfruits lead the way; after the elect and the martyrs ascend; after the bowls leave the Sanctuary; after the great earthquake; after the city is divided; after the dragon's kings level Babylon; after the merchants wail; after the slaughter of Gog's hordes in Armageddon; after the false prophet and beast are cast into the lake of fire; after an angel chains Satan and locks him in the abyss; after the nations are judged; after the earth is healed; after the thousand-year reign of Messiah from Jerusalem; after the great rebellion; after the first four trumpets; after Satan's release from the pit; after the seventieth week ends; after the two witnesses ascend to heaven; after the **last trumpet** on the last day; after Gog and Magog are consumed; after the devil is destroyed forever; after heaven and earth flee the Presence of the Lord; after the rest of the dead rise and are judged; after the saints are rewarded; after hypocrites and sinners are cast into the lake of fire; after Death and the Grave are added to it—then New Jerusalem descends from heaven, and all things are under Jesus' feet. He offers up His Kingdom to the Father, and Perfection is come at last. Prophecy sweeps through history like a second-hand, right on time:

¹⁰ For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. (1 Cor. 13:10)