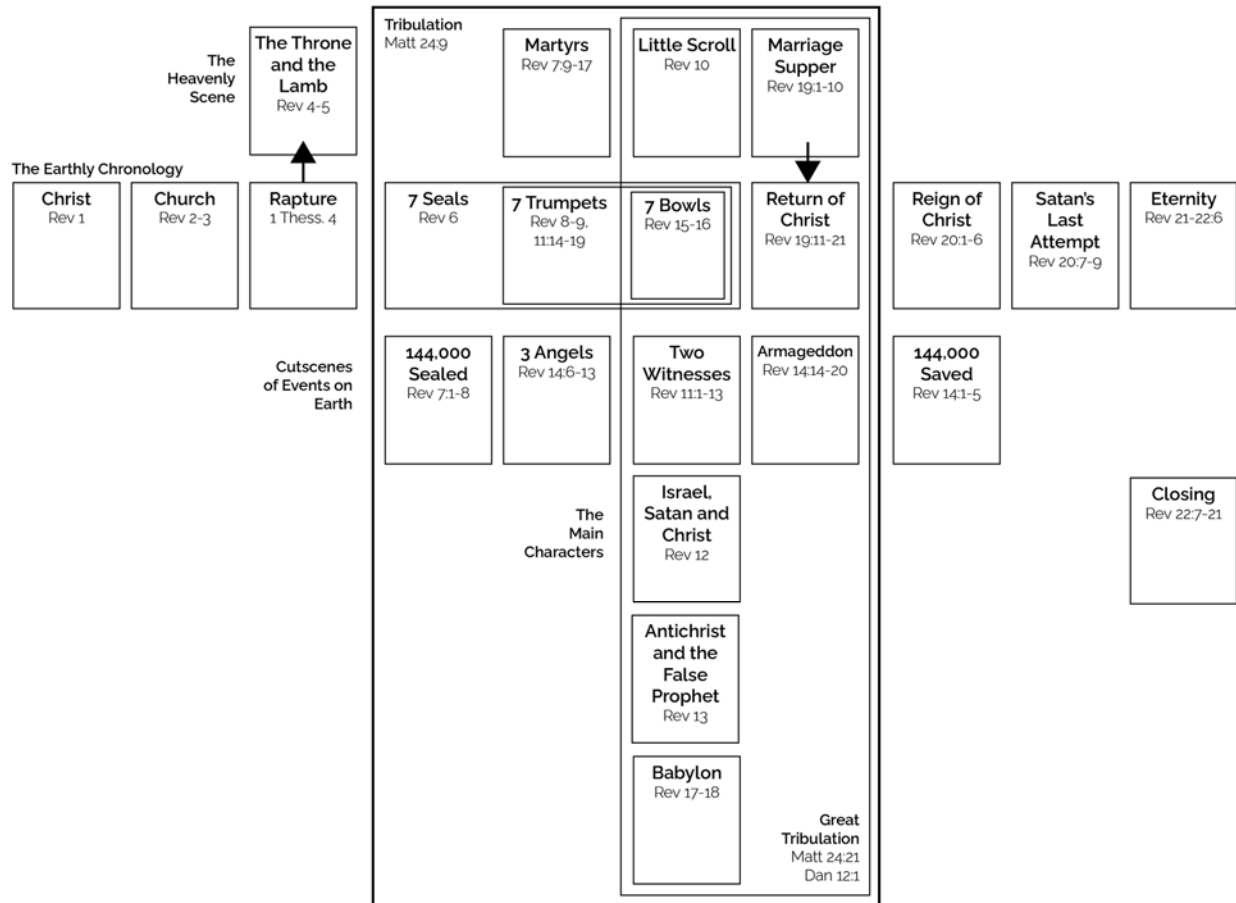


Revelation: Daniel's Seventieth Seven

Outline of Revelation



The Earthly Chronology

Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. (Rev 6:15)

The Heavenly Scene

After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." (Rev 4:1)

Cutscenes of Events on Earth

Cutscene: a noninteractive video sequence that occurs between segments of a video game and depicts part of the game's background or storyline. (Merriam-Webster Dictionary)

The Main Characters

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. ²She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. ³Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. ⁴Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. ⁵She gave birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.” And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. (Rev 12:1-5)

Understanding Apocalyptic

Three types of visionary experiences in apocalyptic literature:

- Phenomenal (Earthly Chronology) – Things that are viewable using regular (visual, perceptual) sight, whether or not they are understood. They are visionary but express earthly events. They include things in the physical world that the author might be confused about.
- Noumenal (Heavenly scene) – Things perceived as a mental experience; real events but technically imperceivable. Similes are representational.
- Allegorical (Characters, Kingdoms) – Things delivered (like the imagery in Daniel) to summarize and not intended to depict a literal, sensory, or strictly temporal reality.

The First Half of the Tribulation

- 1. Following the letters to the seven churches, we are dealing with future prophecy. The third part of the outline of Revelation (1:19) is clearly indicated by the transition in 4:1.**

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- 2. The prophetic (future) portion of the book is intended to emphasize the practical exhortation given to the seven churches. This is what faithful people are rescued from (Rev 2:11; 3:10) and what they will receive in the end (Rev 2:26). As we read, we should be encouraged and live holy lives.**

Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. (Rev 3:10)

- 3. Jesus initiates the tribulation by opening a scroll with seven seals.**

⁶Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased for God
persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. (Rev 5:1-9)

- 1st Seal: Antichrist (Peaceful conquest) (Rev 6:1-2; Matt 24:5; 2 Thess. 2:3-4)

I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, “Come!” 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. (Rev 6:1-2)

For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many. (Matt 24:5)

He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.” (Dan 9:27)

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 Thess 2:3)

- 2nd Seal: War (Rev 6:3-4; Matt 24:6-7a)

³When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, “Come!” ⁴Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. To him was given a large sword. (Rev 6:3-4)

⁶You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. (Matt 24:6-7a)

- 3rd Seal: Famine (Rev 6:5-6; Matt 24:7b)

⁵ When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. ⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "Two pounds of wheat for a day's wages, and six pounds of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!" (Rev 6:5-6)

There will be **famines** and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of birth pains. (Matt 24:7b-8)

- 4th Seal: Death (Rev 6:7-8; Matt 24:7b)

⁷ When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" ⁸ I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth. (Rev 6:7-8)

<https://www.vox.com/future-perfect/23700801/bioweapons-biological-weapons-convention-united-nations-covid-coronavirus-russia-biology>

- 5th Seal: Martyrdom (Rev 6:9-11; 7:9-17; Matt 24:9)

⁹ When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. ¹⁰ They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?" ¹¹ Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been. (Rev 6:9-11)

"Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me." (Matt 24:9).

- 6th Seal: Cataclysmic effects (Rev 6:12-17; Matt 24:7b; see Joel 2:10-11, 31-32)

¹² I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, ¹³ and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. ¹⁴ The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. (Rev 6:12-14)

There will be famines and **earthquakes** in various places. (Matt 24:7b)

"Immediately after the distress of those days 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;

the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.” (Matt 24:29)

<https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2022/03/nuclear-war-would-ravage-the-planets-climate/627005/>

4. Cutsene: 144,000 are sealed to survive the seven years (Rev 7:1-4).

This is an answer to the question in 6:17. Some will withstand it. At least—some will survive it.

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. ² 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: ³ “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.” ⁴ Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel. (Rev 7:1-4)

5. The seventh seal contains seven trumpets.

When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. (Rev 8:1-2)

- Trumpet 1: Hail mixed with fire and blood – One-third of surface vegetation burned up (Rev 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 grass was burned up. (Rev 8:7)

<https://www.asahi.com/hibakusha/english/hiroshima/h01-00065e.html>

- Trumpet 2: Something “like a huge mountain, all ablaze” – One-third of oceans contaminated (Rev 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. (Rev 8:8-9)

- Trumpet 3: Star blazing “like a torch ...Wormwood” – One-third of fresh water contaminated (Rev 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. A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter. (Rev 8:10-11)

- Trumpet 4: One-third of celestial lights obscured by darkness (Rev 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. (Rev 8:12)

- Trumpet 5—Demonic torment like a scorpion sting for 5 months – The First Woe (Rev 9:1-12)

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. ²When 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. ³And out of the smoke locusts came down on the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. ⁴They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. ⁵They were not allowed to kill them but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes. ⁶During those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them. (Rev 9:1-6)

- Trumpet 6—200,000,000 mounted troops (battle machines?); one-third of earth's population is killed – The Second Woe (Rev 9:13-21; see Dan. 11:40; 12:1)

¹³The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the four horns of the golden altar that is before God. ¹⁴It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." ¹⁵And 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. ¹⁶The number of the mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand. I heard their number. ¹⁷The horses and riders I saw in my vision looked like this: Their breastplates were fiery red, dark blue, and yellow as sulfur. The heads of the horses resembled the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, smoke and sulfur. ¹⁸A third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of fire, smoke and sulfur that came out of their mouths. ¹⁹The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails were like snakes, having heads with which they inflict injury. (Rev 9:13-19)

6. There is a scene in heaven prior to 7th Trumpet/third woe – The Little Scroll (Rev 10)

⁵Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven, ⁶and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the

things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that there will no longer be a delay, ⁷ but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He announced to His servants the prophets. (Rev 10:5-7)

7. Cutscene: The second half of the final seven is characterized by the ministry of Two Witnesses (Rev 11:1-13)

I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, “Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshipers. ² But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months. ³ And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.” ⁴ They are “the two olive trees” and the two lampstands, and “they stand before the Lord of the earth.” ⁵ If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. ⁶ They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want. (Rev 11:1-6)

Identity of the Two Witnesses:

- Two unknown future prophets who remind us of Old Testament prophets.
- Enoch & Elijah (Gen. 5:24; 2 Kings 2:11; Mal 4:5-6; Jude vv. 14-15)
- Moses & Elijah (Matt 17:3-4; see mystery of Moses’s death: Deut. 34:6; Mal 4:4 in light of vv. 5-6; Jude v. 9).

They have powers like Elijah and Moses.

- Elijah: 1 Ki 1:10-14. 1 Ki 17:1, 7; 18:1
- Moses: Ex 7:17-21; 9:14; 11:10

8. The Seventh Trumpet is the Third Woe, which is (contains) Seven Bowls (Rev 11:14-19)

The second woe has passed; the third woe is coming soon. The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:

“The kingdom of the world has become
the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah,
and he will reign for ever and ever.” (Rev 11:14-15)