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The Revelation of Jesus Christ

a composite interpretation by Shawn Handran

Side 1

Seven Churches of Revelation

Discuss

What comes to mind when
you think of the words
revelation and *apocalypse*?



apokalypsis

(feminine noun) an uncovering; made bare or naked; a revelation, to be revealed; an unveiling of truth previously unknown

Revelation 1:1-2

This is the **revelation** of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things which must happen soon, which he sent and made known by his angel to his servant, John, who testified to God's word and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, about everything that he saw.

Context is key!

We need to look at the book of Revelation in the context of the entire Biblical narrative

A Cosmic War Being Played Out

Genesis 1-2: God's original design—And it was *very* good...

Genesis 3: The Cosmic War begins

Genesis 12: God initiates—I will bless all nations through you...

Exodus: The One True God makes Himself known

Rest of OT: Israel fails to be a blessing to all nations

Gospels: The Kingdom has arrived—Already... Not yet (G.E. Ladd)

Acts to the end of the Age: The gospel must be preached to all nations...

Revelation 1-20: Repent for the end (of the Cosmic War) is at hand...

Revelation 21-22: Restoration of God's original design

Why read Revelation?



Revelation 1:3

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things that are written in it, for the time is near.

Revelation 22:7

“Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

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Luke 12:40

“Therefore, be ready also, for the Son of Man is coming in an hour that you don’t expect him.”

Acts 1:7

He said to them, “It isn’t for you to know times or seasons which the Father has set within his own authority.⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. You will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth.”

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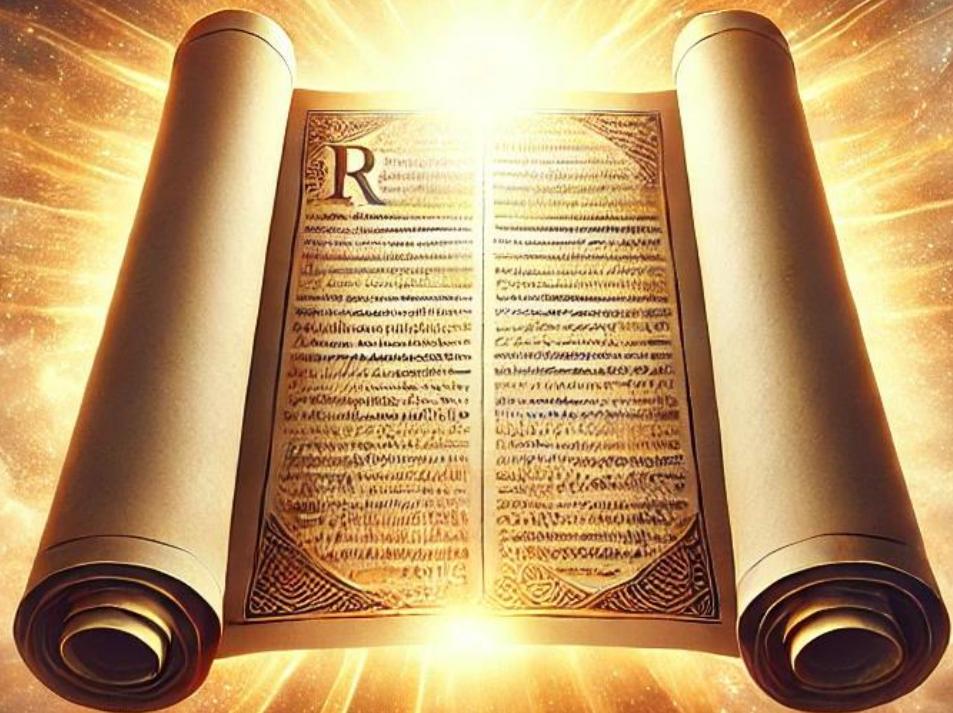
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God gives the world many chances to repent...
until it is too late.

THE BIG PICTURE OF

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Revelation at a glance...

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Chiastic Structure of Revelation



Prologue



First Seven: 7 Churches



Second Seven: 7 Seals



Third Seven: 7 Trumpets



Fourth Seven: 7 Visions



Fifth Seven: 7 Bowls



Sixth Seven: 7 Condemnations



Seventh Seven: 7 Victories



Epilogue

From:

[Biblical Blueprints](#)
by Phillip Kayser

First Seven Seven Churches



Revelation 1:10-11

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, like a trumpet saying, "What you see, write in a book and send to the seven assemblies: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."





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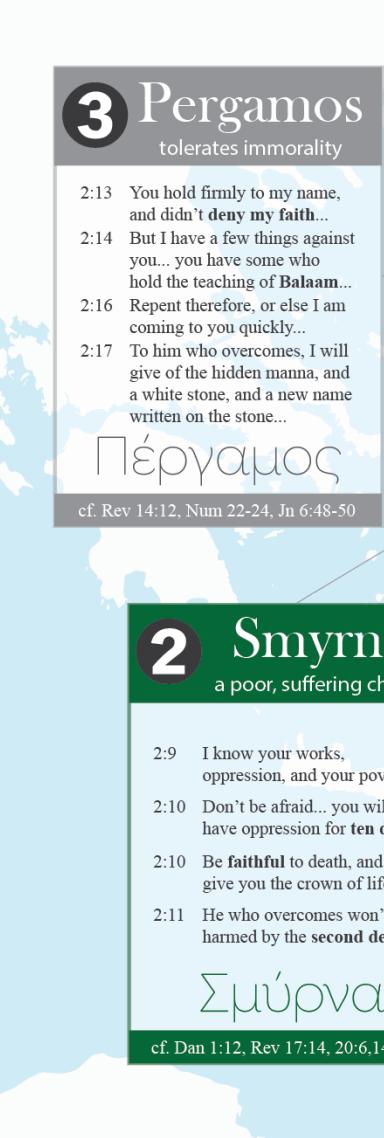
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- You are dead... wake up!
- You are neither hot nor cold... I will vomit you out... I stand and knock...



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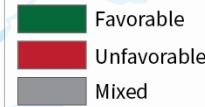
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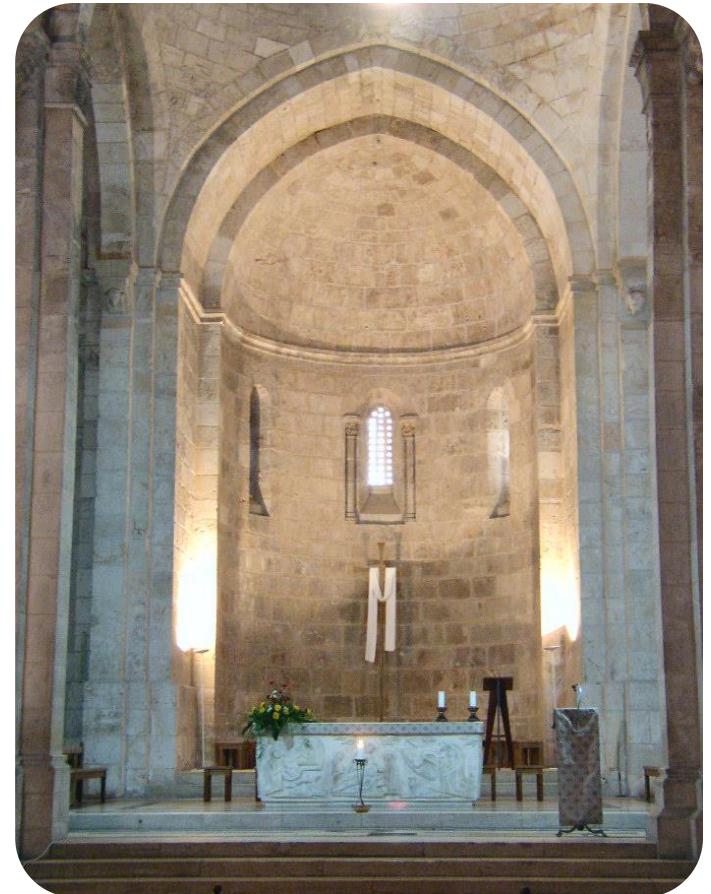
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Church of St. Anne: Perfect Acoustics



Source: Berthold Werner



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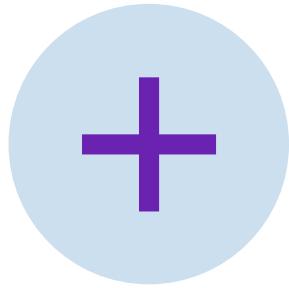
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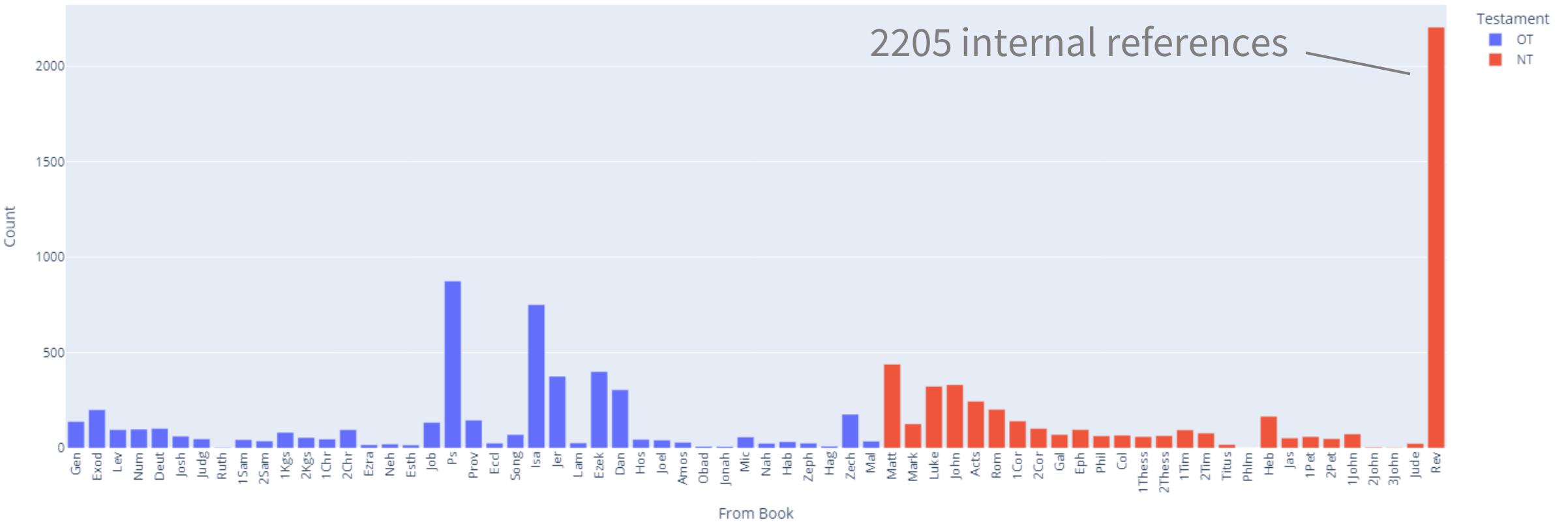


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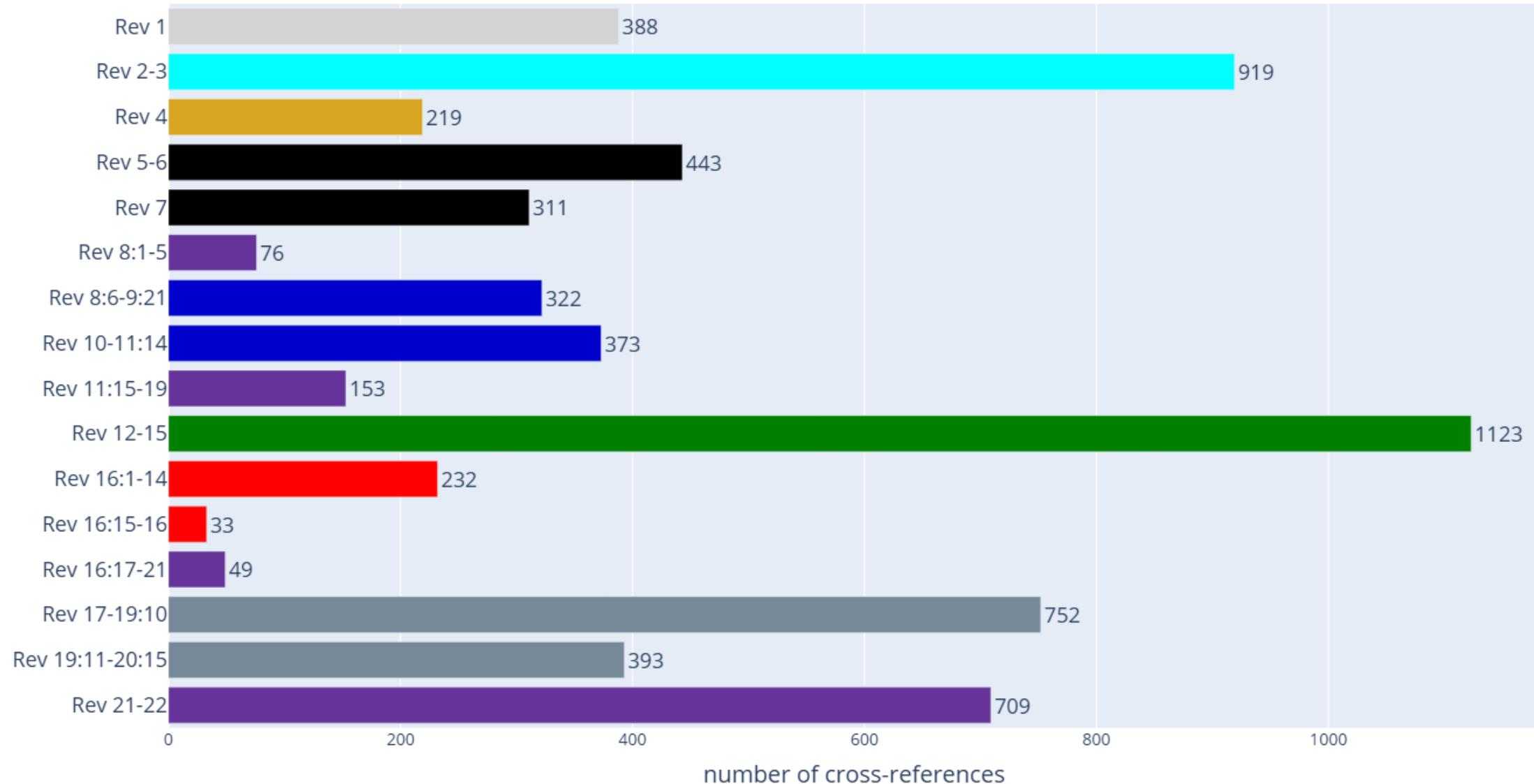


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Isaiah

1-2,6,9,11,25,35,
40,53,61,65-66

Ezekiel

1,28,40-48

Daniel

7-8,12

Zechariah

6,14

Joel

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Zephaniah

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Jeremiah

46-51

Ten Plagues: One True God vs false gods

Plague Number	Plague Description	Egyptian Idol / False God
1. Water to Blood	The Nile's water turned to blood	Hapi (the Nile god)
2. Frogs	A swarm of frogs infested the land	Heqet (goddess of Fertility)
3. Gnats	Dust turned into biting insects	Geb (Earth god)
4. Flies	Swarms of flies overran Egypt	Khepri (Scarabaeus/Beetle god)
5. Pestilence on Livestock	Disease struck Egyptian livestock	Apis (Sacred Bull)
6. Boils	Painful boils afflicted people and animals	Sekhmet (goddess of Healing and War)
7. Hail	A devastating storm of hail and fire	Nut (Sky goddess)
8. Locusts	Locusts devoured what remained of the crops	Osiris (god of Agriculture and Fertility)
9. Darkness	A palpable darkness covered Egypt for days	Ra (Sun god)
10. Death of the Firstborn	The death of every Egyptian firstborn	Pharaoh as Divine Ruler

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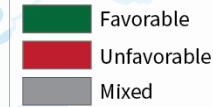
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The Millennium: Symbolic or Literal?

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1000 years is $10 \times 10 \times 10$

- 10 is symbolic of completeness
- 3 is symbolic of God



1000 could mean the millennial reign is *complete* in God's timing

Three views of the Millennium



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Premillennial:

- Christ returns before a literal millennial reign on Earth
- Satan's binding is a literal physical restriction as described in the text



Postmillennial:

- Christ returns after a future golden age of increasing Christian influence
- Satan is progressively restricted by the increasing influence of the Gospel



Amillennial:

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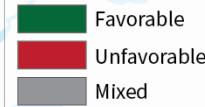
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Interpretation Frameworks

- 1. Preterist.** Events described here were largely fulfilled in the first century AD.
- 2. Historicist.** Events have and continue to unfold in history until Kingdom culmination.
- 3. Futurist.** Most events described here have yet to occur, especially Chapters 4-22.
- 4. Idealist.** Events are symbolic and allegorical about the ongoing conflict between good & evil.
- 5. Composite.** Integrates and interweaves multiple framework views together.

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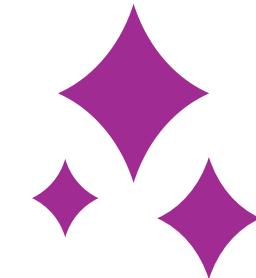
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Every concerning news event becomes a sign of the
Second coming or Rapture or Great Tribulation...

Futurist

Molding & stretching Scripture passages to fit your
favored interpretation of how the future unfolds

Idealist

Complete loss of any historical and prophetic value

A better approach? Composite Framework

Affirming elements in all four frameworks that better harmonize and reconcile passages in Revelation with other passages in the Bible.

A Composite Lens

Preterist

Some events have already occurred in the past, e.g., particularly the first and fourth “Sevens”

Historicist

God does indeed work in and throughout history and we can and should expect some events to actually occur

Futurist

Many events appear to not have occurred yet, e.g., Great Multitude, Final Judgment, New Heaven & Earth, etc.

Idealist

Much of the text is poetic and symbolic, attempting to describe fantastical and disturbing visions

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

a composite interpretation by Shawn Handran

3 Pergamos

tolerates immorality

- 2:13 You hold firmly to my name, and didn't deny my faith...
2:14 But I have a few things against you... you have some who hold the teaching of **Balaam**...
2:16 Repent therefore, or else I am coming to you quickly...
2:17 To him who overcomes, I will give of the hidden manna, and a white stone, and a new name written on the stone...

Πέργαμος

cf. Rev 14:12, Num 22:24, Jn 6:48-50

2 Smyrna

a poor, suffering church

- 2:9 I know your works, oppression, and your poverty...
2:10 Don't be afraid... you will have oppression for **ten days**.
2:10 Be **faithful** to death, and I will give you the crown of life.
2:11 He who overcomes won't be harmed by the **second death**.

Σμύρνα

cf. Dan 1:12, Rev 17:14, 20:6,14, 21:8

Sentiment



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Patmos

I John, your brother and partner with you in the oppression, Kingdom, and perseverance in Christ Jesus, was on the isle that is called Patmos because of God's Word and the testimony of Jesus Christ. Rev 1:9

1 Ephesus

a church losing its zeal

- 2:2 I know your works, and your toil and perseverance...
2:4 But I have this against you, that you left your **first love**.
2:5 Remember from where you have fallen, and repent.
2:7 To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life

Ἐφεσός

cf. Jer 2:2, Gen 2:9, Rev 22:2

4 Thyatira

tolerates idolatry

- 2:19 I know your works, your love, faith, service, patient endurance
2:20 But I have this against you, that you tolerate **Jezebel**...
2:25 Nevertheless, hold that which you have firmly until I come.
2:26 He who overcomes, and he who keeps my works to the end, to him I will give **authority over the nations**.

Θυάτερα

cf. 1 Ki 16:31, 21:25, 2 Ki 9:7, Dan 7:27

The resonance chamber of the Bible

Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked? says the Lord GOD, and not rather that they should return from their way and live? Eze 18:23

5 Sardis

a dead church

- 3:1 I know your works, that you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.
3:2 Wake up and strengthen the things that remain...
3:3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard. Keep it and repent.
3:5 He who overcomes will be arrayed in **white**, and I will not blot out his **name**...

Σάρδεις

cf. Rev 13:8, 17:8, 19:8, 20:12, 20:15, 21:27

6 Philadelphia

a humble, faithful church

- 3:8 You have a little power, and kept my word, and didn't deny my name.
3:11 Hold firmly what you have, so no one takes your crown.
3:12 I will write on him the **name of my God** and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes **down out of heaven** from my God, and my own new name.

Φιλαδέλφεια

cf. Rev 14:1 22:4, Eze 48:35, Rev 21:2, 10

Numbers in Revelation

- 1 Uniqueness, God
- 2 Emphasis, certainty
- 3 Trinity, unity, fellowship
- 4 Nature, creation
- 6 Incomplete, imperfect, man
- 7 Perfection, fullness, totality
- 10 Completion, power
- 12 Israel, the church
- 1,000 Fullness, complete
- 144,000 $(12 \times 12) \times (10 \times 10 \times 10)$

○ Megiddo

cf. 2 Ki 23:29, Zech 12:11, Rev 16:15-16

○ Jerusalem & Mt. Zion

cf. Is 2,4,24,29,34,40,49,51-52,59-62,66; Jer 30-31, 50-51; Eze 8-9; Dan 9; Joel 2-3; Am 1,6; Ob 1; Mic 1,4; Zep 3; Zech 1,2,8-9; Rev 14,1

Interpretation Frameworks

- Preterist.** Events described here were largely fulfilled in the first century AD.
- Historicist.** Events have and continue to unfold in history until Kingdom culmination.
- Futurist.** Most events described here have yet to occur, especially Chapters 4-22.
- Idealist.** Events are symbolic and allegorical about the ongoing conflict between good & evil.
- Composite.** Integrates and interweaves multiple framework views together.

This calls for patient endurance...

Revelation 1:9, 2:2, 2:3, 2:19, 3:10, 13:9-10, 14:12

see asterisks on reverse side

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² “I know your works, and your toil and perseverance... *Rev 2:2 to Ephesus*

³ You have perseverance and have endured for my name’s sake and have not grown weary. *Rev 2:3 to Ephesus*

¹⁹ “I know your works, your love, faith, service, patient endurance...
Rev 2:19 to Thyatira

This calls for patient endurance

¹⁰ Because you kept my command to endure, I also will keep you from the hour of testing which is to come on the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

Rev 3:10 to Philadelphia

⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear. ¹⁰ If anyone is to go into captivity, he will go into captivity. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, he must be killed. Here is the endurance and the faith of the saints. *Rev 13:9-10 to the reader not to worship the Beast*

¹² Here is the perseverance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.” *Rev 14:12 to the reader as a warning to not be mislead by the Beast*

Action Step



Which of the seven churches most closely represents your current spiritual state?



What does Jesus say to this church—what is His command? His warning? His promise?



What practical steps could you take to be more aligned with God's working in your life?



Take a moment to write down a time you will spend with God this week to look at these questions

Side 2

Structure of Revelation

Sevens

Interludes

Fulfillment

7 Churches

6 Seals

6 Trumpets

6 Bowls

7th Seal

7th
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7th Bowl

Vision of the Throne Room

5 Angels
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7 Visions

Keep Watch!

7 Condemnations

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Revelation 1-3 A-B 1307 cross-references

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7 Churches see reverse side

Revelation 4 C 219 cross-references

Interlude: Vision of the

Revelation 5-6 C 443 cross-references

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Interlude: 7 Visions E

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Chiasm

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A Prologue

A' Epilogue

B 1st 7: Seven Churches

B' 7th 7: Seven Victories

C 2nd 7: Seven Seals

C' 6th 7: Seven Condemnations

D 3rd 7: Seven Trumpets

D' 5th 7: Seven Bowls

E 4th 7: Seven Visions

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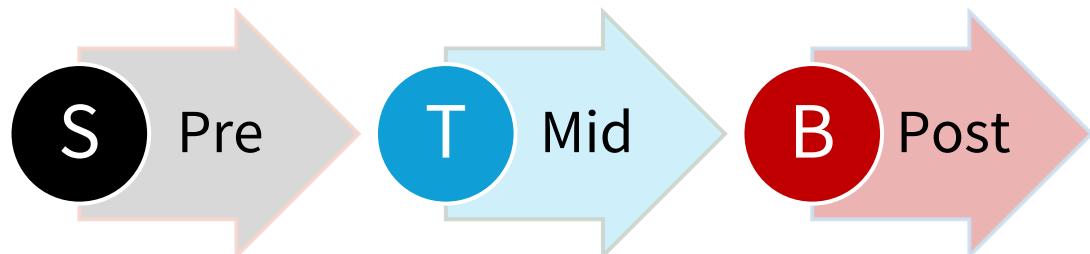
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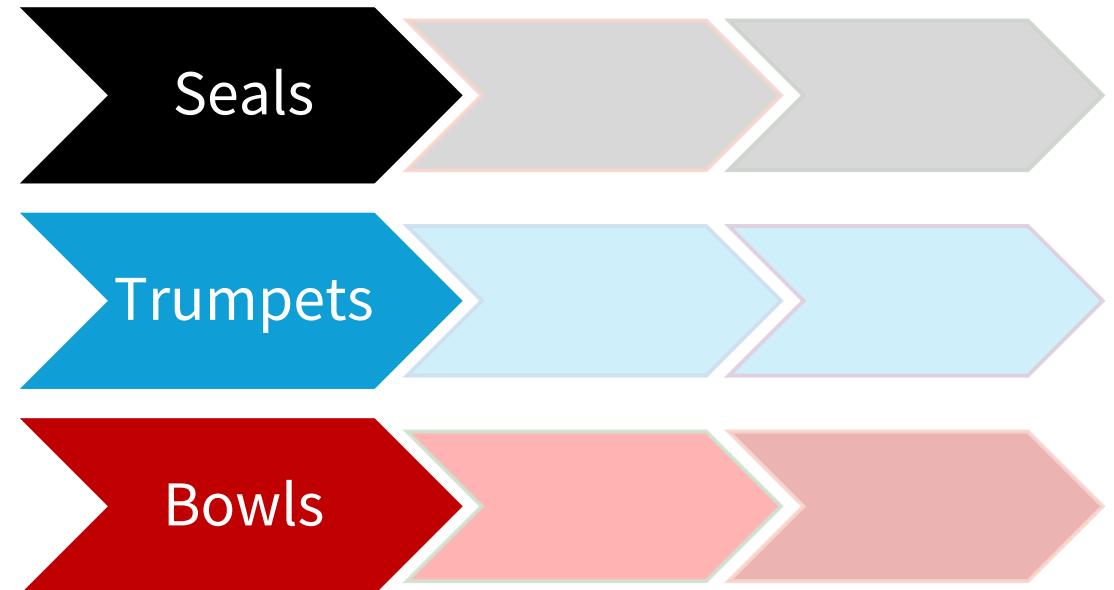
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Temporal Frameworks

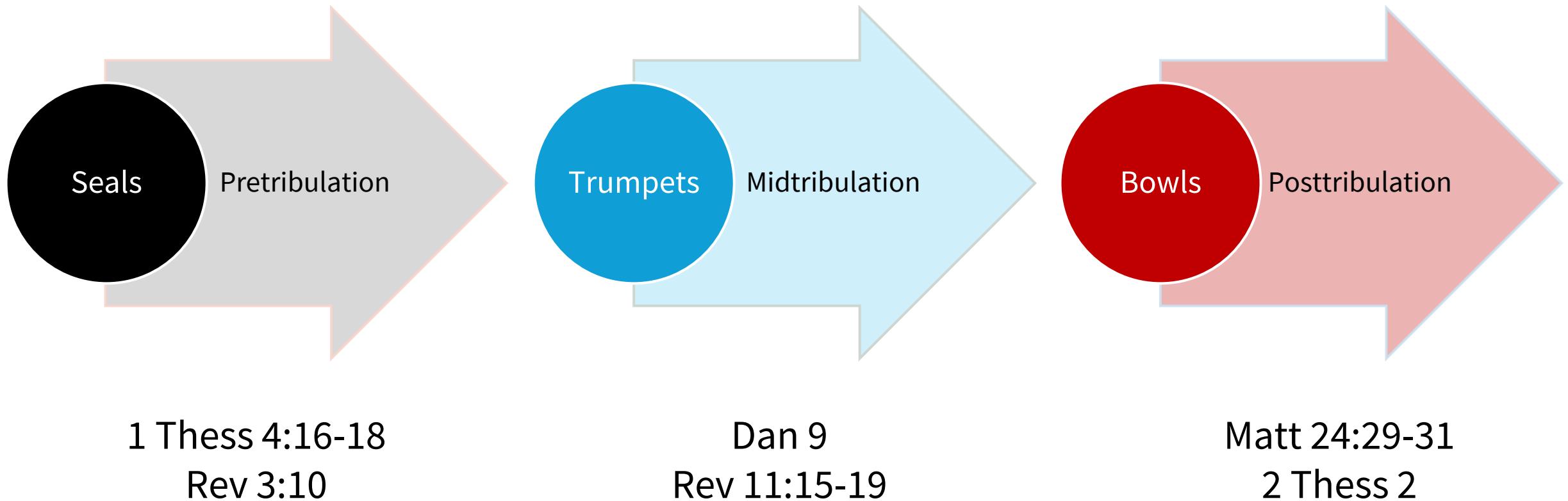
Events occur sequentially
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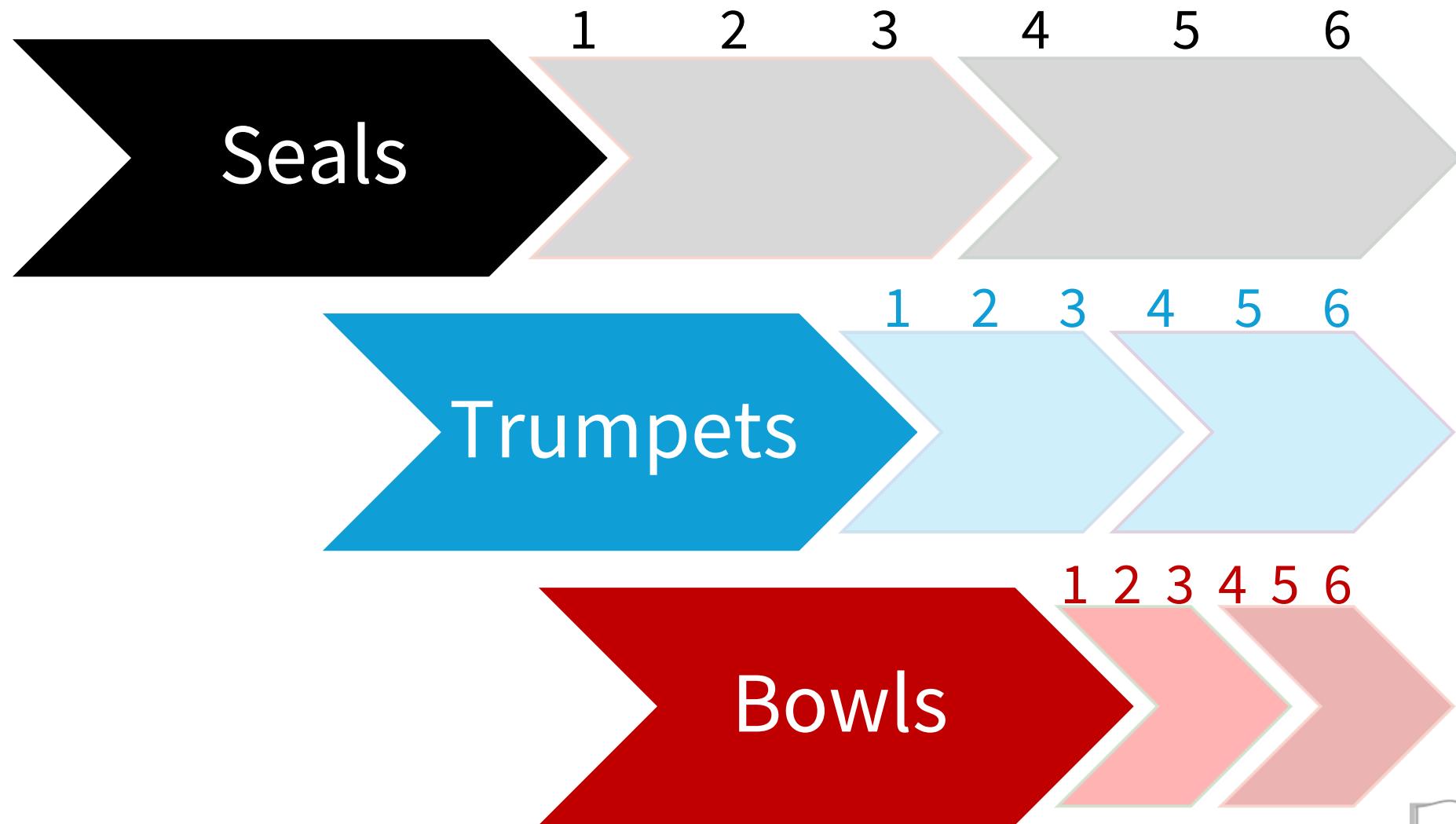
Events occur in parallel
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Rapture Frameworks



Recapitulation Framework





First Interlude

The Throne Room

Out of the throne proceed lightnings, sounds, and thunders. There were seven lamps of fire burning before his throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. Revelation 4:5

After these things I looked and saw a door opened in heaven; and the first voice that I heard, like a **trumpet** speaking with me, was one saying, “Come up here, and I will show you the things *which must happen after this.*”

Revelation 4:1

Eze
28:13

² Immediately I was in the Spirit. Behold, there was a **throne** set in heaven, and one sitting on the **throne** ³that looked like a jasper stone and a sardius. There was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald to look at. ⁴Around the throne were *twenty-four thrones*. On the thrones were *twenty-four* elders sitting, dressed in *white garments*, with *crowns of gold* on their heads. ⁵**Out of the throne proceed lightnings, sounds, and thunders.** There were *seven lamps of fire* burning before his throne, which are the *seven Spirits of God*. ⁶Before the **throne** was something like a *sea of glass*, similar to crystal. In the middle of the **throne**, and around the **throne** were *four living creatures full of eyes before and behind*.

Revelation 4

Dan 7:9

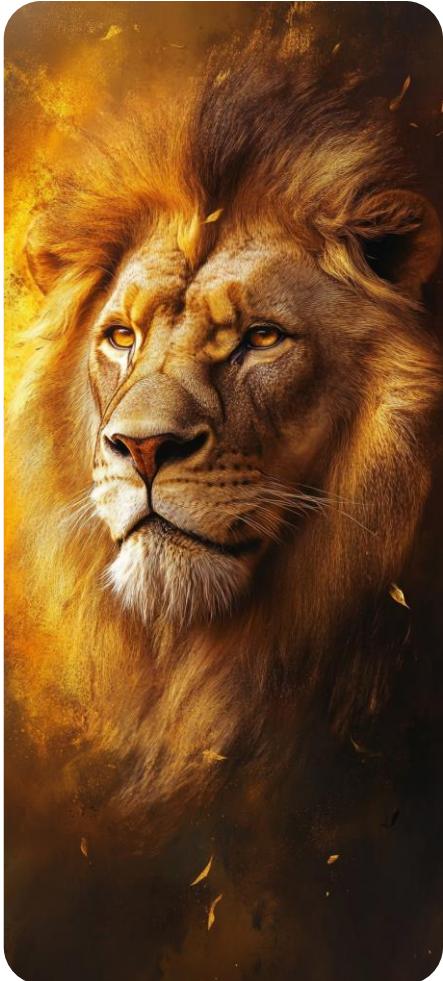
Ps 21:3

Zec 4

Ex 24:10

Eze 10

Four Living Creatures



Eze 10

⁸The four living creatures, each one of them *having six wings*,
are full of eyes around and within. They have no rest day and
night, saying, “**Holy, holy, holy** is the Lord God, the Almighty,
who was and who is and who is to come!”⁹ When the living
creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to him who sits on
the throne, to him who lives forever and ever,¹⁰ the twenty-
four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and
worship him who lives forever and ever, and throw their
crowns before the **throne**, saying,¹¹ “**Worthy are you, our**
Lord and God, the Holy One, to receive the glory, the honor,
and the power, for you created all things, and because of
your desire they existed and were created!”

Isa 6:3

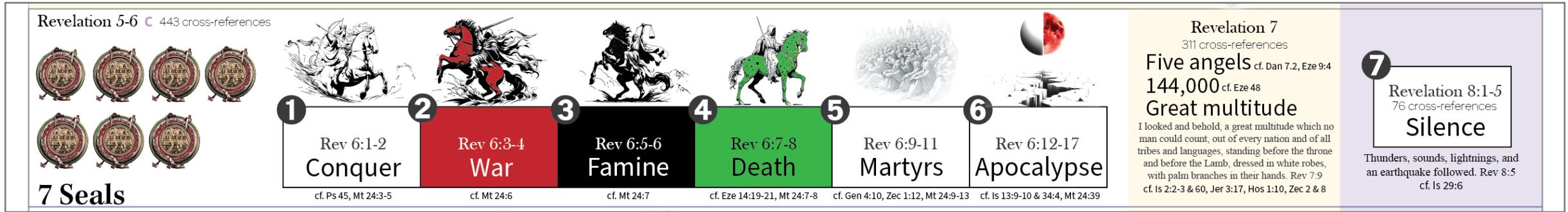
Revelation 4

Second Seven Seven Seals

I saw, in the right hand of him who sat on the throne, a book written inside and outside, sealed shut with seven seals. Revelation 5:1



Pattern: Six - Interlude - Seventh



¹ I saw, in the right hand of him who sat on the Eze 2:9-10
throne, *a book written inside and outside, sealed* Isa 29:11
*shut with **seven seals**.* ² I saw a mighty angel Ps 103:20
proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to
open the book, and to break its seals?” Dan 8,12

Revelation 5

³ No one in heaven above, or on the earth, or under the earth, *was able to open the book or to look in it.* ⁴ Then I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look in it. ⁵ One of the elders said to me, “Don’t weep. Behold, the *Lion* who is of the *tribe of Judah*, the *Root of David*, has overcome: he who opens the book and its **seven seals.**”

Isa 41:28

Isa 11

Revelation 5

Four Horsemen



² Then a **white horse** appeared, and he who sat on it had a bow. A crown was given to him, and he came out conquering, and to conquer.

⁴ Another came out, a **red horse**. To him who sat on it was given power to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another. There was given to him a great sword.

⁵ And behold, a **black horse**, and he who sat on it had a balance in his hand. ⁶ I heard a voice... saying, “A measure of wheat for a denarius...”

⁸ And behold, a **pale horse**, and the name of he who sat on it was Death... Authority ... to kill with the sword, with famine, with death, and by the wild animals ... was given to him.

The Martyrs



⁹When he opened the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been killed for the Word of God, and for the testimony of the Lamb which they had. ¹⁰They cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, Master, the holy and true, until you judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” ¹¹A long white robe was given to each of them. They were told that they should rest yet for a while, until their fellow servants and their brothers, who would also be killed even as they were, should complete their course.

Signs in Heaven

¹²I saw when he opened the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake. **The sun became black as sackcloth** made of hair, and the whole moon became as **blood**. ¹³The stars of the sky fell to the earth, like a fig tree dropping its unripe figs when it is shaken by a great wind.



Ra: Egyptian Sun god & chief deity

- god of the Sun, order, and kings
- Exodus plague: **Darkness**



Second Interlude

- Revelation 7
- The Five Angels (**Four** + 1)
- The 144,000
- The Great Multitude



After these things I looked, and behold,
a great multitude *which no man could*^{Gen 13:16}
count, out of every nation and of all^{Ps 22:27}
tribes, peoples, and languages, standing
before the **throne** and before the Lamb,
dressed in *white robes*, with *palm*^{Lev 23:40; Jn 12:13}
branches in their hands.

Revelation 7:9

And God will wipe away every
tear from their eyes.

Revelation 7:14b



Representatives from all tribes,
peoples & languages will be
present in the Great Multitude!

Fulfilling God's plan for the nations He started at the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11)



But how will this happen if
we are not obedient to the
Great Commission?

“The whole church, taking the whole Gospel, to the whole world.”



Pray for the remaining Unreached Peoples to be engaged

The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few... pray to the Lord of the harvest to send workers into the field. *Matthew 9:37-38*

The Seventh Seal

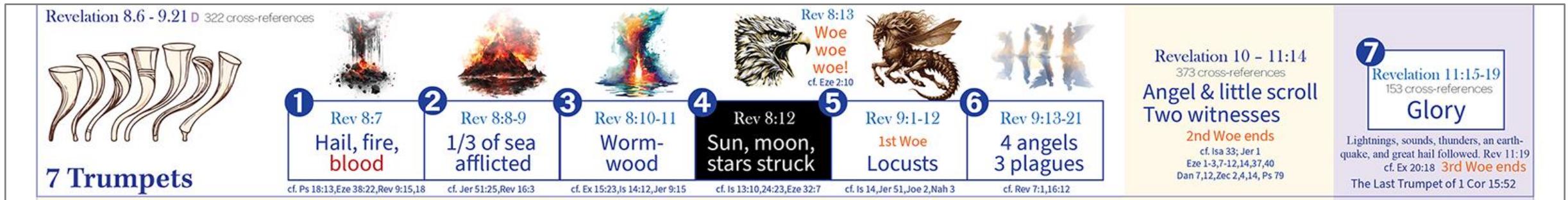
¹When he opened the seventh **seal**, **there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.** ²I saw the **seven angels** who stand before God, and **seven trumpets** were given to them. ³Another angel came and stood over the altar, having a golden censer. Much incense was given to him, that he should add it to the *prayers of all the saints* on the golden altar which was before the throne. ⁴The smoke of the incense, with the *prayers of the saints*, went up before God out of the angel's hand. ⁵The angel took the censer, and he filled it with the fire of the altar, then threw it on the earth. **Thunders, sounds, lightnings, and an earthquake followed.**

Third Seven Seven Trumpets

I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. Revelation 8:2



Pattern: Six - Interlude - Seventh



“One third”

Trumpets
Section

14 out of 15 times all here in
Trumpets section

7 Visions
Interlude

[the dragon's tail] drew one third
of the stars of the sky. (Rev 12:4)

One third



⁷ The first sounded, and there followed **hail** and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. **One third** of the earth was burned up, and **one third** of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

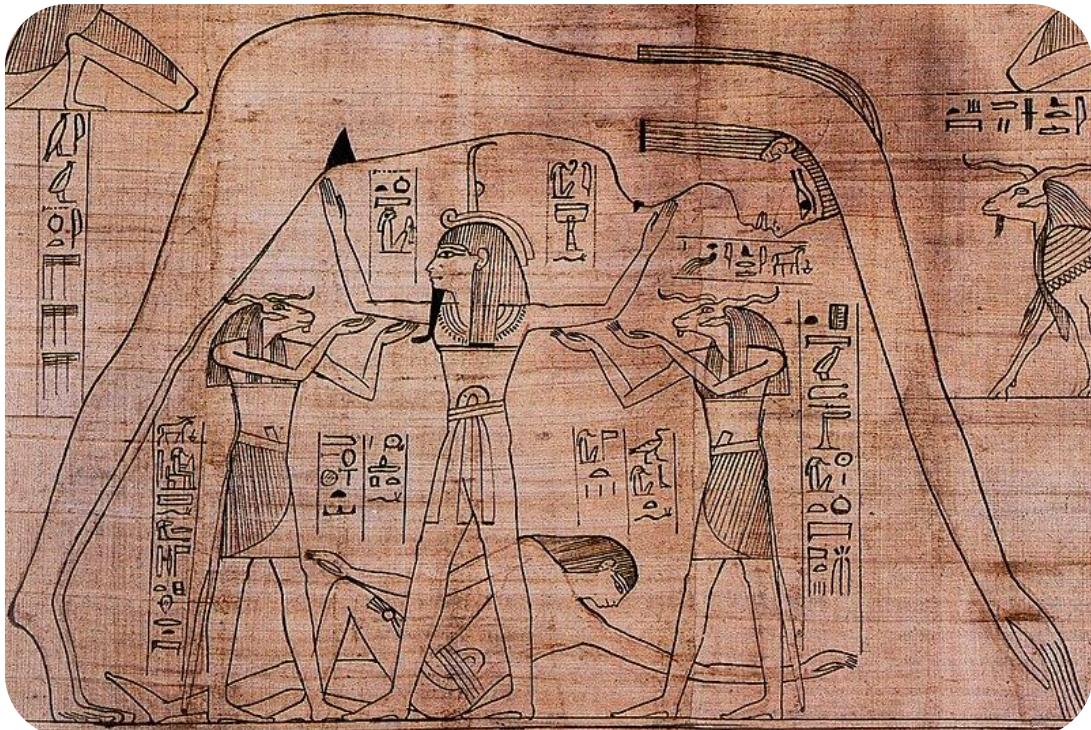


⁸ The second angel sounded, and something like a great burning mountain was thrown into the sea. **One third** of the sea became blood,⁹ and **one third** of the living creatures which were in the sea died. **One third** of the ships were destroyed.



¹⁰ The third angel sounded, a great star fell from the sky, burning like a torch, it fell on **one third** of the rivers, and on the springs of water. ¹¹ The name of the star is *Wormwood*. **One third** of the waters became wormwood... many died...

Nwt: Egyptian goddess of the sky



- goddess of the sky, stars and cosmos
- Exodus plague: **Hail**

Three Woes

¹³ I saw, and I heard an eagle, flying in mid heaven, saying with a loud voice, “**Woe! Woe! Woe** to those who dwell on the earth, because of the other blasts of the trumpets of the three angels, who are yet to sound!”

Revelation 8



¹The fifth angel **sounded**, and I saw a **star from the sky which had fallen to the earth**. The key to the pit of the abyss was given to him. ²He opened the pit of the abyss, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke from a^{*} burning furnace. The **sun and the air were darkened** because of the smoke from the pit. ³Then out of the smoke came locusts on the earth, and power was given to them, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

Revelation 9

Locusts

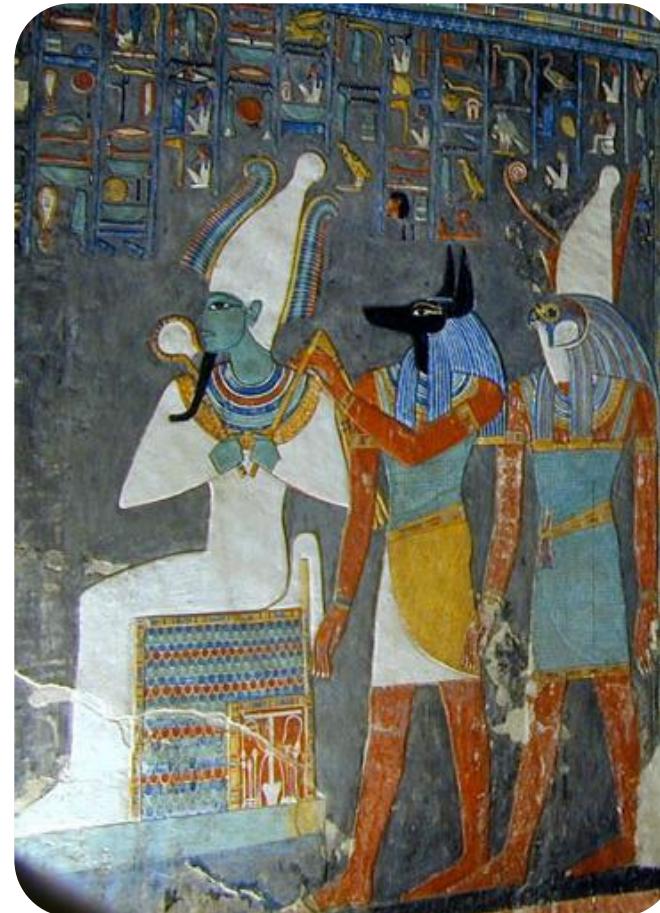
⁷ The shapes of the **locusts** were like horses prepared for war. On their heads were something like golden crowns, and their faces were like people's faces. ⁸ They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like those of lions. ⁹ They had breastplates like breastplates of iron. The sound of their wings was like the sound of many chariots and horses rushing to war. ¹⁰ They have tails like those of scorpions, with stingers. In their tails they have power to harm men for five months.

Revelation 9



Osiris: Egyptian god of Agriculture

- god of agriculture & fertility, death, resurrection and the afterlife
- Often depicted as **green** skinned (death-associated)
- Exodus plague: **Locusts** (destroying the crops)



Four Angels

cf Rev 7:1, 16:12

¹² The **first woe** is past. Behold, there are still **two woes** coming after this. ¹³ The **sixth angel** sounded. I heard a voice from the horns of the **golden altar** which is before God, ¹⁴ saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Free the **four angels** who are bound at the great river **Euphrates!**” ¹⁵ The four angels were freed who had been prepared for that hour and day and month and year, so that they might kill **one third** of mankind. ¹⁶ The number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million. I heard the number of them.

Revelation 9



Three Plagues

¹⁷ Thus I saw the horses in the vision and those who sat on them, having breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the horses' heads resembled lions' heads. Out of their mouths proceed fire, smoke, and sulfur. ¹⁸ By these **three plagues, one third** of mankind was killed: by the fire, the smoke, and the sulfur, which proceeded out of their mouths. ¹⁹ For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails. For their tails are like serpents and have heads; and with them they harm.

Revelation 9



Third Interlude

- Revelation 10-11:14
- Angel & the Little Scroll
- Two Witnesses
- **2nd Woe** ends



Angel and the Little Scroll



⁸ The voice which I heard from heaven, again speaking with me, said, “Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the land.” ⁹ I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. He said to me, “Take it and eat it. It will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.” ¹⁰ I took the little book out of the angel’s hand, and ate it. It was as sweet as honey in my mouth. When I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter. ¹¹ They told me, “You must prophesy again over many peoples, nations, languages, and kings.”

Revelation 10

The Two Witnesses

¹ A reed like a rod was given to me. Someone said, “Rise and measure God’s temple, and the altar, and those who worship in it. ² Leave out the court which is outside of the temple, and don’t measure it, for it has been given to the nations. They will tread the holy city under foot for **forty-two months**. ³ I will give power to my **two witnesses**, and they will prophesy **one thousand two hundred sixty days**, clothed in sackcloth.”

Revelation 11

Eze 40-48

Zec 2

Rev 13

Dan 7, 12

Rev 12

Ps 79
Is 33:1

⁷ When they have finished their *testimony*, the **beast** that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them, and kill them. ⁸ Their dead bodies will be in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. ⁹ From among the peoples, tribes, languages, and nations, people will look at their *dead bodies* for **three and a half days**, and will not allow their *dead bodies* to be laid in a tomb. ¹⁰ Those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, and they will be glad. They will give gifts to one another, because these **two prophets** tormented those who dwell on the earth.

Revelation 11

Dan 7:8;
Zec 14:2

Jer 7:33

¹¹ After the **three and a half days**, the *breath of life* from God entered into them, and they stood on their feet. Great fear fell on those who saw them. ¹² I heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “**Come up here!**” They went up into heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. ¹³ In that day **there was a great earthquake**, and a tenth of the city fell. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. ¹⁴ The **second woe** is past. Behold, the **third woe** comes quickly.

Revelation 11

The Seventh Trumpet

The Last Trumpet

⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed. 1 Cor 15



The Seventh Trumpet

¹⁵The **seventh angel sounded**, and great voices in heaven followed, saying, “**The kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ. He will reign forever and ever!**” ¹⁶The twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God’s **throne**, fell on their faces and worshiped God,¹⁷ saying: “We give you thanks, Lord God, the Almighty, the one who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and reigned.

¹⁸ *The nations were angry, and your wrath came, as did the time for the dead to be judged, and to give your bondservants the prophets, their reward, as well as to the saints and those who fear your name, to the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.*" ¹⁹ **God's temple that is in heaven** was opened, and the *ark of the Lord's covenant* was seen in his temple. **Lightnings, sounds, thunders, an earthquake, and great hail followed.**

Revelation 11

Fourth Interlude: Fourth Seven Seven Visions

The great dragon was thrown down, the old serpent, he who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world. He was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Revelation 12:9



Center of the Chiastic Structure

Center of the book of Revelation featuring the Cosmic War

“Seven Visions” are implicit but not named

Middle of the chiastic structure of Revelation

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91 cross-references

Woman & dragon

cf. Gen 3:15 & 37:9; Is 66:7; Dan 8:10

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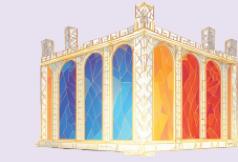
Rev 14:14-20
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Harvest of the Earth

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Revelation 15
146 cross-references
Seven plagues (see 7 bowls)

cf. Ps 86:9; Jer 10:7

no interlude



Interlude: 7 Visions E

A Vision of the Ancient Cosmic War

Middle of the chiastic structure of Revelation

⁵ She gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. Her child was caught up to God and to his throne. ⁶ The **woman** fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that there they may nourish her one thousand two hundred sixty days.

¹ I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him a number, **one hundred forty-four thousand**, having his name and the name of his Father written on their foreheads.

3 Angels 3 Woes?

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¹ I saw a **beast** coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads. On his horns were ten crowns, and on his heads, blasphemous names... ¹¹ I saw another **beast** coming up out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon.

⁶ I saw an **angel** flying in mid heaven, having an eternal Good News to proclaim to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language, and people... ⁸ Another, a **second angel**, followed, saying, “Babylon the great has fallen, which has made all the nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her sexual immorality.” ⁹ **Another angel**, a third, followed them, saying with a great voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God...”

This calls for endurance...

Middle of the chiastic structure of Revelation

⁸ All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been killed. ⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear. ¹⁰ If anyone is to go into captivity, he will go into captivity. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, he must be killed. ***Here is the endurance and the faith of the saints.***

Here calls for endurance & faith of the saints. *

* *Here calls for the perseverance of the saints...*

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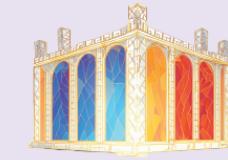
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Interlude: 7 Visions E

¹⁰ which is prepared unmixed in the cup of his anger. He will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹ The smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever. They have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name. ¹² ***Here is the perseverance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.***" ¹³ I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' " "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their works follow with them."

The Seventh Vision = Seven Bowls

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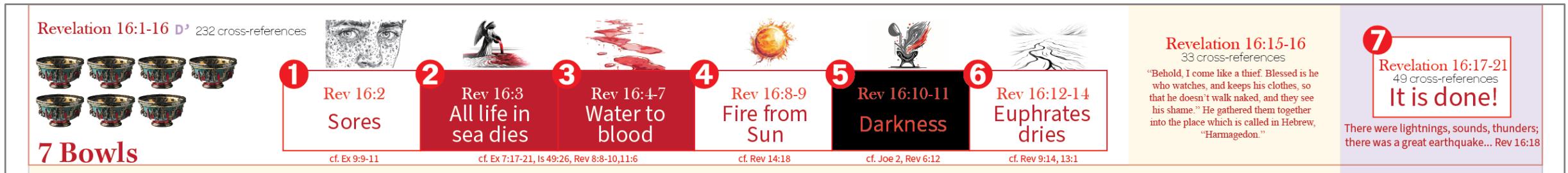
¹ I saw another great and marvelous sign in the sky: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them God's wrath is finished... ⁷ One of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels **seven golden bowls** full of the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever. ⁸ The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power. No one was able to enter into the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels would be finished.

Fifth Seven Seven Bowls

The sixth poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates. Its water was dried up, that the way might be prepared for the kings that come from the sunrise. Revelation 16 :12



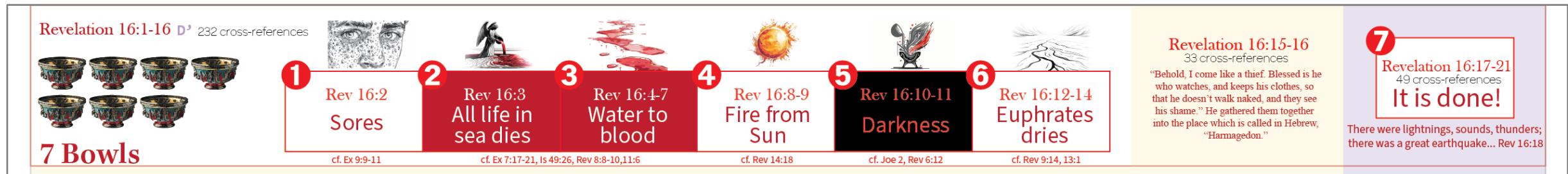
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Sekhmet: goddess of Healing & War

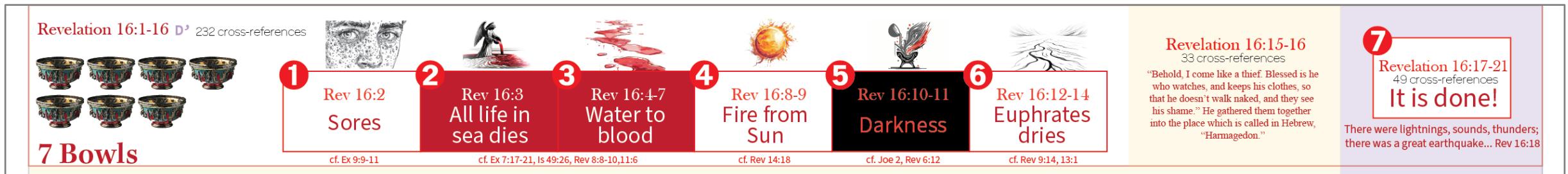


- goddess of medicine & healing, also associated with war and the Sun
- Exodus plague: **Boils**

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³The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became **blood** as of a dead man. Every living thing in the sea died.

Hapi: god of the Nile River

- god of the annual flooding of the Nile
- Exodus plague: Nile turned to **blood**



Pattern: Six - Interlude - Seventh

⁵ I heard the angel of the waters saying, “You are righteous, who are and who were, O Holy One, because you have judged these things. ⁶ For they poured out the **blood of saints and prophets**, and you have given them blood to drink. They deserve this.”

Recall 5th Seal

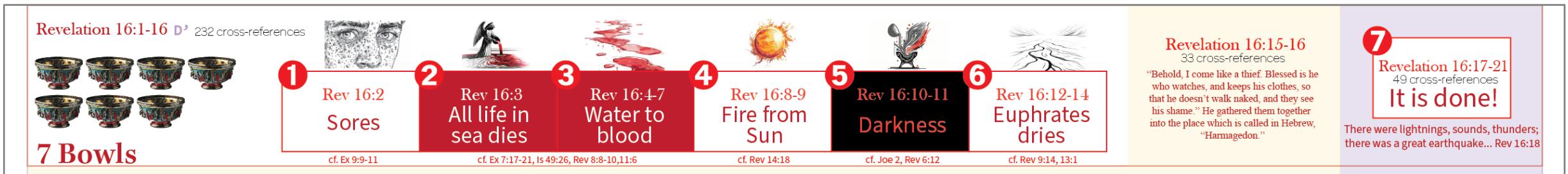


⁷ I heard the altar saying, “Yes, Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are your judgments.”

⁸ The fourth poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was given to him to scorch men with fire. ⁹ People were scorched with great heat, and people blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues. They didn’t repent and give him glory.

Pattern: Six - Interlude - Seventh

¹⁰ The fifth poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was **darkened**. They gnawed their tongues because of the pain, ¹¹ and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores. They still didn't repent of their works.



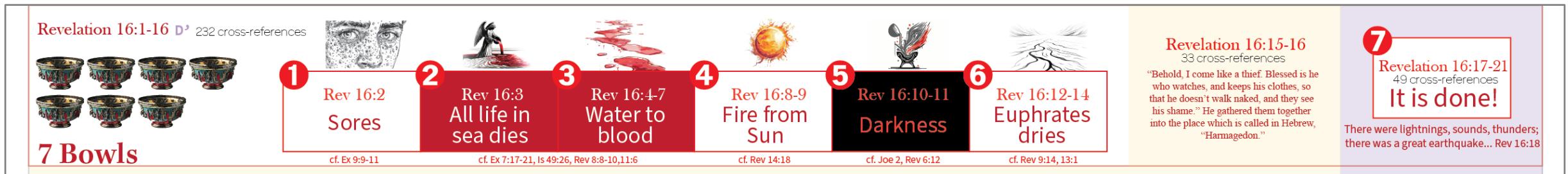
Recall 4th Trumpet and Ra, Egyptian god of the Sun and chief deity



Pattern: Six - Interlude - Seventh

see Sixth Trumpet

¹² The sixth poured out his **bowl** on the **great river, the Euphrates**. Its water was dried up, that the way might be prepared for the kings that come from the sunrise.



Exo 8

¹³ I saw coming out of the mouth of the **dragon**, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits, *something like frogs*; ¹⁴ for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole inhabited earth, to gather them together for the war of that great day of God the Almighty.

Heqet: Egyptian goddess of fertility

- goddess of fertility and rebirth
- Also associated with the annual flooding of the Nile
- Depicted with a **frog** head
- Exodus plague: **frogs**



Resonance: Callbacks to the 10 Plagues

Plague Number	Egyptian Idol / False God	Callback in Revelation
1. Water to Blood	Hapi (the Nile god)	Revelation 8,11,16
2. Frogs	Heqet (goddess of Fertility)	Revelation 16
3. Gnats	Geb (Earth god)	
4. Flies	Khepri (Scarabaeus/Beetle god)	
5. Pestilence on Livestock	Apis (Sacred Bull)	
6. Boils	Sekhmet (goddess of Healing and War)	Revelation 16
7. Hail	Nut (Sky goddess)	Revelation 8,16
8. Locusts	Osiris (god of Agriculture and Fertility)	Revelation 9
9. Darkness	Ra (Sun god)	Revelation 6,8,9,16
10. Death of the Firstborn	Pharaoh as Divine Ruler	

Fifth Interlude: Keep Watch!

15 “Behold, I come like a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his clothes, so that he doesn’t walk naked, and they see his shame.” 16 He gathered them together into the place which is called in Hebrew “Harmagedon.” (*Megiddo*)

Revelation 16

Resonance: Callbacks to Staying Awake

I come as a thief

Rev 3:3, Mat 24:43, 1Th 5:2-3, 2Pe 3:10

Blessed is he
who watches

Mat 24:42, Mat 25:13, Mat 26:41, Mar 13:33-
37, Mar 14:38, Luk 12:37-43, Luk 21:36, Act
20:31, 1Th 5:6, 1Pe 4:7

Doesn't walk
naked

Rev 3:4, 18, Exo 32:25, Isa 47:3, Eze 16:37,
Hos 2:3, Hab 2:15, 2Co 5:1-3

The Seventh Bowl

¹⁷ **The seventh poured out his bowl** into the air. A loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, “It is done!” ¹⁸ There were lightnings, sounds, and thunders; and there was a great earthquake such as has not happened since there were men on the earth—so great an earthquake and so mighty.

Revelation 16

Sixth Interlude: Sixth Seven Seven Condemnations

I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet-colored beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns. The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of the sexual immorality of the earth.

Revelation 17:3-4



“7 Condemnations” implicit but not named

Interlude: 7 Condemnations C, 7 Victories B'	Rev 17 243 cross-references Prostitute & Beast cf. Is 49:26,Jer 4:30,46:10,51:13 cf. Is 21:47,Jer 50-51,Eze 26-28,Dan 7,Zep 2	Rev 18 313 cross-references Fall of Babylon <i>Woe, woe, O great city! (3x)</i> cf. Ps 137:8,Is 48:20	Rev 19:1-5 70 cross-references Rejoicing in Heaven cf. Rev 4,7,11,16	Rev 19:6-10 126 cross-references Marriage of the Lamb cf. Rev 21:2,9,22:17
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P. Kayser Framework:
(Biblical Blueprints)

1. Blasphemy of the Harlot
2. Harlot's pagan alliance with Rome
3. Spiritual fornications
4. Ungodly state/commerce alliance
5. Finality of Babylon's Fall
6. Heavenly court agrees with judgment
7. Death of the Harlot is followed by Marriage of the Lamb

The Prostitute (the Unfaithful)

¹ One of the seven angels who had the **seven bowls** came and spoke with me, saying, “Come here. I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who sits on many waters, ²with whom the kings of the earth committed sexual immorality. Those who dwell in the earth were made drunken with the wine of her sexual immorality.”

Revelation 16

Resonance: Woe, Woe

⁹⁻¹⁰ The **kings** of the earth who committed sexual immorality and lived wantonly with her will weep and wail over her..., saying, ‘**Woe, woe**, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For your judgment has come in one hour.’

¹⁵ The **merchants** of these things, who were made rich by her, will stand far away for the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning, ¹⁶ saying, ‘**Woe, woe**, the great city, she who was dressed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls!

¹⁷ Every **ship master, sailors, and mariners**, and as many as gain their living by sea, stood far away, ¹⁸ and cried out as they looked at the smoke of her burning, saying..., ‘**Woe, woe**, the great city, in which all who had their ships in the sea were made rich by reason of her great wealth!’ For she is made desolate in one hour.

The Bride of the Lamb (the Faithful)

¹ After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, “**Hallelujah! Salvation, power, and glory belong to our God;** ² for his judgments are true and righteous. For he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her sexual immorality, and he has avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.” ³ A second said, “**Hallelujah!** Her smoke goes up forever and ever.” ⁴ The **twenty-four elders and the four living creatures** fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne, saying, “**Amen! Hallelujah!**” ⁵ A voice came from the throne, saying, “Give praise to our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, the small and the great!”

Revelation 19

The Bride of the Lamb (the Faithful)

⁶I heard something like the voice of a great multitude, and like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of mighty thunders, saying, “**Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns!**” ⁷Let’s rejoice and be exceedingly glad, and let’s give the glory to him. **For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his wife has made herself ready.**” ⁸It was given to her that she would array herself in bright, pure, fine linen, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

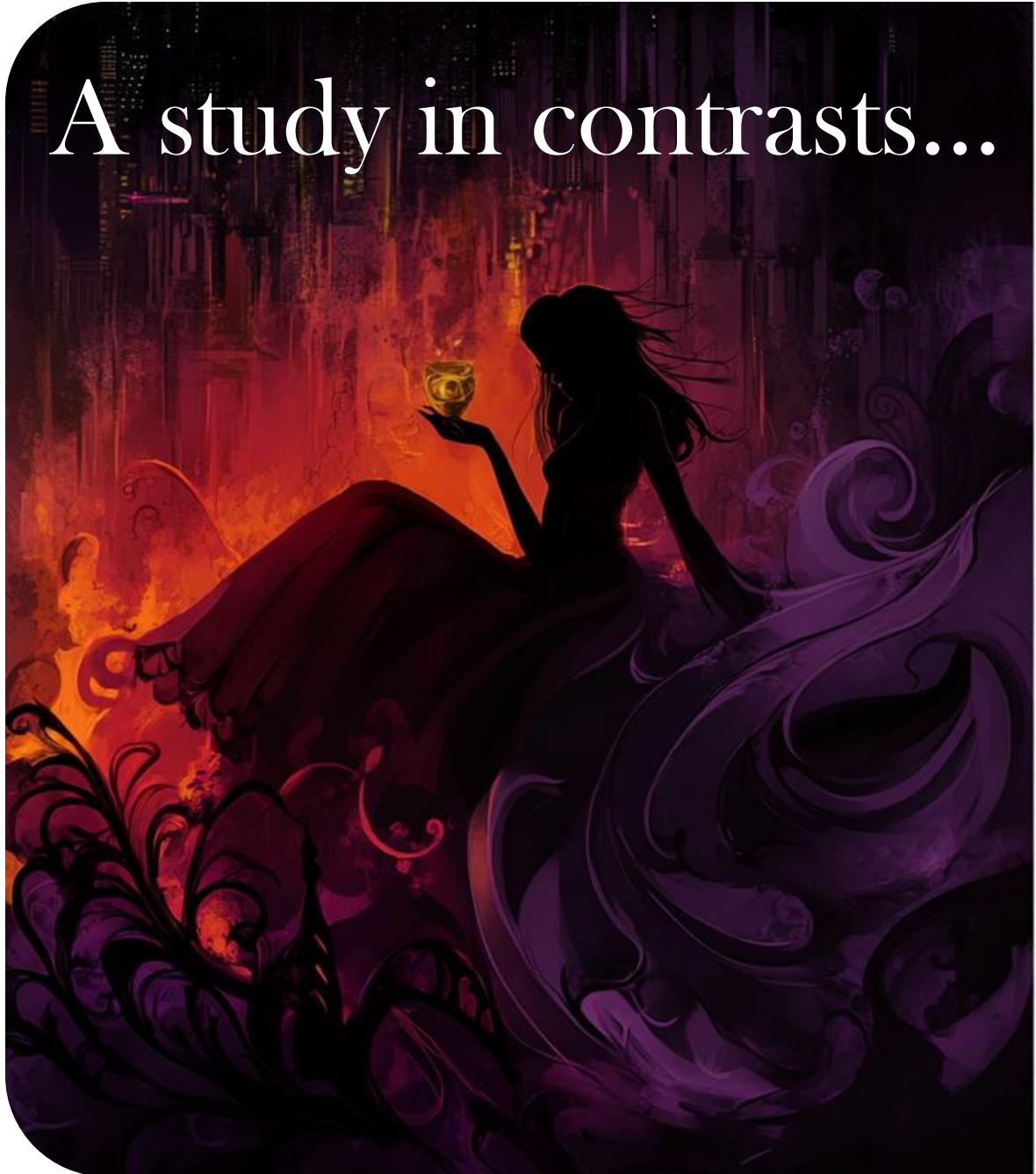
Revelation 19

The Bride of the Lamb (the Faithful)

⁹ He said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the **wedding supper** of the **Lamb**.’ ” He said to me, “These are true words of God.” ¹⁰ I fell down before his feet to worship him. He said to me, “Look! Don’t do it! I am a fellow bondservant with you and with your brothers who hold the testimony of Jesus. **Worship God**, for the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy.”

Revelation 19

A study in contrasts...



Unfaithfulness vs. Fidelity

Promiscuity

A symbol of spiritual disobedience and unbelief

Key OT passages

- Hosea
- Ezekiel 16, 23
- Isaiah 1
- Jeremiah 3

Seventh Seven

Seven Victories

I saw the heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it is called Faithful and True. In righteousness he judges and makes war. Revelation 19:11



“7 Victories” implicit but not named

Rev 19:11-21

152 cross-references

The
White Rider

cf. Rev 6:2,Is 11:4,49:2,Rev 13

Rev 20:1-6

105 cross-references

1000 years
(10x10x10)

cf. Is 24,Dan 7

Revelation 20:7-10

49 cross-references

Defeat of Satan

cf. Is 24:21-25,Eze 38-39

Revelation 20:11-15

87 cross-references

Final Judgment

If anyone was not found written in the book of life, he was cast into the lake of fire. Rev 20:15

cf. Dan 7,12, Mal 3:16

P. Kayser Framework:
(Biblical Blueprints)

1. Satan bound

2. Victory over death

3. Final judgment

Callback: The White Rider

¹¹I saw the heaven opened, and behold, a **white horse**, and he who sat on it is called Faithful and True. **In righteousness he judges and makes war.** ¹²His eyes are a flame of fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has names written and a name written which no one knows but he himself. ¹³He is clothed in a garment sprinkled with blood. His name is called “The Word of God.”

Revelation 19



see Rev 6:1-2

The Cosmic War Ends

⁷ And after the **thousand years**, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and he will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth...

¹¹ I saw a **great white throne** and him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away...

¹⁴ Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵ **If anyone was not found written in the book of life**, he was cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20

A New Heaven and New Earth

¹I saw a **new heaven and a new earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth have passed away, and the sea is no more... ³I heard a loud voice out of heaven saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with people; and he will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴**He will wipe away every tear from their eyes.** Death will be no more; neither will there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more. The first things have passed away.”

Revelation 21



Rev 7:14

Fulfillment: New Heaven and New Earth

Rev 19:11-21

152 cross-references

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Revelation 21-22

709 cross-references

New Heaven
New Earth

cf. Is 25:8-9, 65:17

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Alignment with Kayser Framework

Rev 19:11-21

152 cross-references 105 cross-references

The 1000 year White Rider (10x10x10)

cf. Rev 6:2, Is 11:4, 49:2, Rev 13

cf. Is 24, Dan 7

Rev 20:1-6

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(Biblical Blueprints)

- 3. Final judgment
 - 4. All Things made new
 - 5. The Spotless Bride
 - 6. Eternal Dominion
 - 7. River of Life



Reverse the Curse

Genesis 1-2

God's intended design

Genesis 3 to
Revelation 20

Already... Not yet

Revelation 21-22

Restoration

Ἐρχομαι Erchomai

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, “**Come!**” He who hears, let him say, “**Come!**” He who is thirsty, let him come. He who desires, let him take the water of life freely. ¹⁸ I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book. ¹⁹ If anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life, and out of the holy city, which are written in this book. ²⁰ He who testifies these things says, “**Yes, I am coming soon.**” Amen! Yes, **come**, Lord Jesus! ²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints. Amen.

μαράνα θά Marana tha

²¹ This greeting is by me, Paul, with my own hand. ²² If any man doesn't love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be *anathema* (cursed). *Marana tha!* (**Come**, Lord!) ²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. ²⁴ My love to all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen.

1 Corinthians 16

When in doubt...

⁸ “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
and your ways are not my ways,” says the
LORD. ⁹ “For as the heavens are higher than
the earth, so are my ways higher than your
ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55

Action Step: Pick One

Take Action

Join a ministry at your local church; put your faith in practice, not just in theory

Adopt & Pray

“Adopt” an Unreached People Group (UPG) to pray that they will be represented in the Great Multitude

Self Evaluate

Reflect on a conviction the Spirit impressed on you that you need to take some concrete steps to address