

# Commentary on Revelations

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The prophetic part of the Book of Revelations starts in chapter 6.

The prophecies consist of a cycle that repeats itself twice. Both cycles describe the same events. The First Cycle provides a brief outline of the second.

- CYCLE 1 : Revelations 6, 7, 8, 9
- CYCLE 2 : Revelations 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

After these two cycles, there is a brief description of the events AFTER Armageddon

- After Armageddon : Revelations 20, 21, 22

## **PATTERN OF THE FIRST CYCLE**

- 1. Anti-Christ Period:** (Rev 6)  
A period where the saints are persecuted and many people are killed by sword, plague, famine
- 2. Protection of the Saints:** (Rev 7)  
144,000 - selecting and marking of the saints to protect them from the coming judgements
- 3. Judgements:** (Rev 8, 9)  
Seven trumpet judgements
- 4. Armageddon :** (Rev 9 v 13-19)  
Army of the Kings of the East at the Euphrates

## **PATTERN OF THE SECOND CYCLE**

- 1. Anti-Christ Period:** (Rev 11, 12, 13)  
3.5 years persecution of the witnesses. Persecution of the woman's child for 3.5 years. The rule of the Beast for 3.5 years.
- 2. Gathering of the Saints:** (Rev 14)  
144,000
- 3. Judgements:** (Rev 15, 16, 17, 18)  
Seven bowls judgements, Fall of Babylon
- 4. Armageddon :** (Rev 19 v 11-19)  
Christ's army fights against the army of the Kings of the East

## **AFTER ARMAGEDDON**

- 1. Christ Period:** (Rev 20 v 1 – 6)  
The reign of Christ for 1000 Years with the Saints
- 2. Judgement** (Rev 20 v 7-15)  
Judgement of Satan, Judgement of the Dead
- 3. New Jerusalem** (Rev 21, 22)  
New heavens and New Earth, Tree of Life

# THE FIRST CYCLE

## ANTI-CHRIST PERIOD : REVELATIONS CHAPTER 6

This chapter describes a period where people are killed by the sword, famine, plague and wild beasts.

The 4 horsemen are given power over 25% of the earth to kill. This could mean 25% of governments engage in killing, or it could mean that 25% of the population are killed.

The deaths include many martyrs – who are being persecuted for their faith. So the killing is being done by anti-Christians and is especially targeted at Christians and at Christian nations.

This period ends with an earthquake and darkness and major tectonic movements

Then the leaders, the rich and powerful and most of the population take shelter underground from the judgements of God, and from Judgement Day.

They are sheltering underground despite the earthquake, because they fear something from above.

## PROTECTION OF THE SAINTS : REVELATIONS CHAPTER 7

Following the period of persecution, God marks the saints so that they are protected from the coming judgements.

“After this I saw the 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.” **(Rev v 1)**

There is a cessation of wind – a complete stillness of the oceans and the atmosphere – waters become as smooth as a mill pond, sail-ships lose all power, “wind-farms” cease to produce any energy, the “jet-streams” cease. Stillness. Weather forecasters note the complete absence of cyclones and anti-cyclones.

Then the servants of God who have survived martyrdom, are marked in order to protect them from the coming judgements.

“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” **(Rev 7 v 3)**

(Note that it does not say that those sealed are removed from the earth – they are just marked for protection – as you will see later)

Those marked for protection are 144,000 from Israel + a great multitude from every nation tribe, people and language who have survived the great tribulation, and been atoned for by the blood of Christ.

“After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language.....These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb” **(Rev 7 v 9-14)**

Often, in Scripture, 144,000 is used symbolically to denote all believers.

So those who survive the 3.5 years of the Beast, and who are washed in the blood of the Lamb (Christians) are then marked to protect them from the judgements to come.

## JUDGEMENTS : REVELATIONS CHAPTERS 8, 9

Here is a summary

1. Small meteors : **(Rev 8 v 7)** Hail and Fire mixed with blood : A third of all the land is set on fire

2. Giant meteor : **(Rev 8 v 8-9)** Meteor impacts in sea : a third of the sea turned into blood, and a third of the living creatures in the sea died. Massive tidal waves destroy many ships.
3. Giant meteor : **(Rev 8 v 10-11)** Meteor impacts earth : contains a toxin that pollutes water sources – poisons them – making them bitter.
4. Darkening of the Sun, Moon and Stars : **(Rev 8 v 12)** possibly resulting from dust exuded by the meteor impacts
5. Huge volcano : **(Rev 9 v 1-11)** Volcanic smoke from the furnace of the abyss – causes darkening of the Sun and sky : provokes insect swarms. These flying insects attack people rather than plants – and do so for a duration of 5 months – these insects have a sting which is painful, but does not kill. They don't attack those with the seal of God.

“They 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.” **(Rev 9 v 4)**

**(This indicates that those who were sealed ARE STILL ON THE EARTH – they have not been raptured or taken away – they were simply protected from the coming judgements.)**

6. Armageddon: **(Rev v 13-19)** a vast army of 200 million troops located at the Euphrates. Their vehicles are marked with red, blue and yellow insignia, and can fire projectiles with gunpowder.

“out of their mouths came fire, smoke and sulphur” **(Rev 9 v 18)**

Such a large army is probably the collective army of all the nations combined. They make war – a third of the population are killed.

The initial response of the government to these judgements was described at the very end of Revelations 6, which described the behaviour of the leaders immediately prior to the commencement of these judgements–

“Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every freeman hid in caves and amongst the rocks of the mountains” **(Rev 6 v 15)**

In fact, this is the exact response that they would take to an imminent meteor strike – they would take refuge in underground bunkers – and emerge afterwards to a darkened world.

Note that all of these judgements seem to effect the whole earth – and these events did not happen in 70 A.D. A description of these judgements is repeated in Revelations 16, but in more detail.

# THE SECOND CYCLE

The second cycle begins exactly midway through the Book of Revelations (which has 22 chapters) – in the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter. The second cycle goes into greater detail in describing the events outlined in the first cycle.

## ANTI-CHRIST PERIOD : REVELATIONS CHAPTERS 11, 12, 13

### Trampled by the Gentiles :

Gentiles will trample the holy city for 42 months (**Rev 11 v 2**). 42 months = **3.5 years**

### Witnesses :

2 witnesses prophecy for 1260 days (**Rev 11 v 3**) 1260 days = **3.45 years**. At the end of this period, these witnesses are persecuted and killed, but are resurrected and ascend to heaven after **3.5 days**.

The period of these witnesses ends with a severe earthquake. The same earthquake is mentioned at the end of the anti-Christ period described in (**Rev 6 v12**)

### Woman and the Child :

A woman gives birth to a child, but must flee into the desert to avoid persecution by the Dragon. She takes refuge for 1260 days (**Rev 12 v 6**) 1260 days = **3.45 years**. The woman flies to the desert where she is taken care of for “a time, times and half a time” (**3.5 times**)

### The Beast :

The Dragon fails to destroy the child, so summons the Beast – an entity with 7 heads and 10 horns – (the G7/D10 ?). The beast exercises authority for 42 months (**Rev 13 v 5**) = **3.5 years**

There is a one world government since the beast has authority over every tribe, people, language and nation (**Rev 13 v 7**)

The Beast persecutes the saints and conquers them – martyrdom (**Rev 13 v 6-7**), and makes everyone worship the Beast.

At this time, there is no way to fight against the power of the Beast, since it has been given all authority by the Dragon.

“Who is like the Beast? Who can make war against him?”  
(**Rev 13 v 4**)

At this time there is no protection for the Saints –

“He was given power to make war against the Saints and to conquer them”  
(**Rev 13 v 7**)

The Mark of the Beast is mandated, so those without the Mark cannot buy or sell. Such a system would need to be world-wide, otherwise a person would simply move country to circumvent it. The Saints can be detained and killed.

“If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he will be killed” (**Rev 13 v 10**)

The Beast forces everyone to receive a mark on his right hand, or on his forehead – so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark. (**Rev 13 v 17**)

## GATHERING OF THE SAINTS : REVELATIONS CHAPTER 14

“and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Fathers name written on their foreheads” **(Rev 14 v 1)**

## JUDGEMENTS : REVELATION CHAPTER 16

Here is a summary

1. Ugly and painful sores break out on those people who had the mark of the beast. **(Rev 16 v 1)**
2. The sea turned to blood, and every living thing in the sea died **(Rev 16 v 3)**
3. The rivers and springs of water become blood **(Rev 16 v 4)**
4. The Sun scorches people with fire. They are seared by the intense heat. **(Rev 16 v 8)**
5. Darkness **(Rev 16 v 10)**
6. Armageddon **(Rev 16 v 12)** The waters of the Euphrates are dried up to prepare the way for the kings of the East. The kings of the whole world are gathered for the battle on the great day of God Almighty – to fight against Christ’s army.

“They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for battle on the great day of God Almighty” **(Rev 16 v 14)**

“Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon” **(Rev 16 v 16)**

7. A massive earthquake

“No earthquake like it has ever occurred since man has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake. The great city split into 3 parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed...Every island fled away, and mountains could not be found. From the sky huge hailstones of about 100 pounds each fell upon men.” **(Rev 16 v 18-21)**

At this point it would be interesting to compare the judgements listed in Revelations 16, with the judgements listed in Revelations 8, 9.

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	7. “No earthquake like it has ever occurred since man has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake. <b>(Rev 16 v 18-21)</b> . Huge hailstones fall from the sky

## A SIMPLE OUTLINE

It seems clear that the Judgements described in cycle 1 and the same judgements that are described in cycle 2

This makes the understanding of Revelations very straight forward.

1. ANTI-CHRIST: There is the period of the anti-Christ, that lasts 3.5 years.
2. PROTECTION OF THE SAINTS : This is followed by the protection of the saints from the coming judgements
3. JUDGEMENTS : A series of meteor impacts followed by a darkening of the atmosphere
4. ARMAGEDDON: Finally, after the judgements end, there is a battle between the army of Christ, and the combined armies of all the kings of the earth, led by the kings of the East at Armageddon.

## ARMAGEDDON

Armageddon is the final event of this age. Consequently, it is described in greater detail in **(Rev 19 v 11-21)**

“I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that know one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron sceptre. He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS**

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

Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshipped his image.. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulphur. The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse., and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh”

Immediately after Armageddon, there is a large earthquake that destroys the cities of the nations, and showers huge hailstones upon the followers of the Beast.

## MILLENIUM

Those Christians who have been martyred are resurrected to reign with Christ for 1000 years. So after Armageddon, there is a return to pre-diluvian longevity – with lifespan increased to 1000 years.

In my book “Enoch – an essay on angels”, I show that prior to the flood people really did have longer lifespans. The post-Armageddon world is a restoration of that state. Interested readers should also see “Genesis – a surprising confirmation” which describes the extraordinary fauna and flora that accompanied such an increased lifespan. Both of these books are available on my telegram channel – “Revelations of God”.



## NEW JERUALEM

At the end of the thousand year reign of Christ, the Bible says that Satan is released for a short while, and gathers an army to make war against Jerusalem. However, he is defeated. God sends down fire from heaven.

This event ushers in the final Age - which embodies a return to the Edenic state – the restoration of eternal life. There is the creation of a new heaven and new earth, and the New Jerusalem is depicted as a city within which grows the Tree of Life.

So, after Armageddon, the sequence of events depict a reversal of the Fall of mankind. Lifespan increases again – first to 1000 years, then to eternity.

Of course, a person's ability to accept such ideas rests upon their presuppositions about our ancient past. If there was an Edenic paradise at the dawn of human existence, then such a return to that state does not seem so impossible. Similarly if there was a pre-diluvian period when lifespan reached 1000 years, then the millennium does not seem so impossible either.

## SUMMARY

Revelations describes a 3.5 year period during which there is death by the sword, famine and plague. A messianic leader is born – but protected for the duration of this period of 3.5 years. The beast, an entity with 10 horns and 7 heads (G7 / D10) is given total authority over all the nations during this 3.5 years. People are required to worship the beast and receive the mark of the beast, without which they cannot buy or sell.

During this time many believers are martyred, presumably because the Beast's agenda is anti-Christian.

Immediately after 3.5 years, the people of God are sealed and protected from the coming judgements. The sign for this will be a short period where there is complete absence of wind – stillness – like entering the still centre of a hurricane.

Then follow the judgements of God. These judgements take the form of meteor impacts on land and sea.

- On land, these impacts result in fires across the earth, and in pollution of water sources. They also result in the appearance of sores on people who have taken the mark – possibly because their immune system cannot cope with a toxin found on the meteors.
- At sea these impacts result in tidal waves (many ships are destroyed) and cause pollution of the sea – killing many sea creatures.
- The meteor impacts cause dust to accumulate in the atmosphere – blocking light from the Sun, Moon and Stars.
- Solar flares scorch people with fire.
- Insects agitated by the environmental disturbances, form swarms and attack people for 5 months. Their sting does not kill, but is painful. They only torment those with the Mark

(The Governments take shelter in underground bunkers from the imminent meteor strikes, but this fails to protect them from the earthquakes that follow. They emerge to a darkened world)

The Bible does not say how long these judgements last – though it will probably be for a year or longer.

With the cessation of these cataclysms, the people slowly remerge from their underground shelters. The kings of the East assume that the world, recoiling from the devastation, must be in a state of weakness, so they see this as an opportune time to invade. The armies of the Kings of the East (China, Russia?, India?) advance to cross the Euphrates, and align themselves against the armies of Christ.

It seems that the army of believers has grown, and is able to fight back against the kings of the East. Perhaps the judgement period caused many to repent, as they saw the prophecies coming true. Conversely, the cataclysms may have handicapped the armies of the kings of the East – perhaps destroying their supplies and equipment or depleting their personnel.

The armies of Christ win, and a thousand year reign of Christ ensues.

After 1000 years, Satan gathers a new army and surrounds Jerusalem, but they are destroyed by God with fire from heaven.

The Day of Judgement takes place, a new Heaven and New Earth are created, and its residents receive eternal life.

## COMPARISON WITH EVENTS IN 70 A.D.

The Jewish nation underwent judgement in 70 A.D. at the hands of the Romans. The conflict with the Romans did last 3.5 years up until the destruction of Jerusalem, and the siege of Jerusalem did involve conquest, civil war between gang factions, famine and plague.

In addition to this, the prophecies found in Revelations DO say that the prophesied events would happen soon.

However, none of the judgements described in Revelations 8, 9 and 16 occurred in 70 A.D. - neither was there a battle of Armageddon with 200 million troops in 70 A.D.

I can only conclude that Revelations must refer to a different event than 70 A.D.

## SO WHAT TIME DOES REVELATIONS REFER TO?

**The Meteor Judgements:** The meteor judgements have not happened yet, so must refer to a future time.

**The One-World Government:** A one world government (world empire) is described. This could apply to the Roman empire. However, in modern times it has become realised with the orchestrated synchrony of all nations in response to the "Covid Pandemic" – since they all appear to be reading from the same script – acting as one nation, as if under the control of a single leader - and this is EVERY SINGLE NATION world-wide rather than just those of the Mediterranean.

**Mark of the Beast:** The creation of a health passport system is the first time in recorded history that ordinary healthy people are not allowed to buy or sell unless they carry a mark or certification. Modern technology has reached the point where it can create such a system for buying and selling – since it requires remote control of the certification process, remote monitoring of all transactions, and universal administration of a procedure for making the Mark.

And such restrictions on buying and selling are ONLY POSSIBLE if all countries apply them simultaneously (a one-world government); otherwise such a system could be avoided by simply moving country.

**Armageddon:** An army numbering 200 million with canon-fire is something that is only possible in modern times – such a large army would require the amalgamation every national army today.

**So it seems that these prophecies probably apply to modern times** rather than first century Israel. In other words, the judgement described is the judgement of the Gentiles rather than that of the Jews.

Period of witness to the Jews	1921 B.C. till 70 A.D.	1991 years
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Period of witness to the Gentiles	30 A.D. till 2021 A.D.	1991 years
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## 40 YEARS OF WARNING

The destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. was preceded by a 40 year period of warning. I show this in my book "Sign of the Son of Man" – freely available on Telegram.

Regarding the Gentiles, a warning of the coming apocalypse was the Georgia Guidestone – a monument erected in March of 1980 – exactly 40 years before the first lockdowns. It lists the 10 commandments of a new world, and predicts a 95% fall in population to only 500 million. It is written in the languages of the survivors. It is built to withstand cataclysms.

[I discuss the Georgia Guidestone in a monogram entitled "Insight into a Religious Motivation for the Pandemic" – also found on Telegram.]

## THE COMPLETE CYCLE AND THE END OF WITNESS

The number 2020 is significant in another way. It is a digital permutation of 22, the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet – signifying the End. The first letter of the Hebrew alphabet is ALEPH, and the last letter is TAU (the 22<sup>nd</sup> Letter)

In his book "Bible Wheel", Richard McGough shows that the entire witness of the Bible is arranged around the 22 letters of the Hebrew Alphabet.

[I have made Richard's book available as a pdf on Telegram. You may also wish to view the monogram "Isaiah as a Miniature Bible" which shows the same – also available on Telegram.]

Jesus said, I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end (the Aleph and the Tau).

## WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ALL THIS FOR YOU?

### **The powers behind this are Anti-Christian**

The Bible states that the powers behind this are anti-Christian. This is important to realise, since you cannot bargain or reason with such powers. For the next 3.5 years they will assume total control of all governments.

Their intention is to gain complete control over the population. Then they will be able to force compliance with their agenda. In order to do this they will restrict the freedoms of those who don't comply.

They know that their time is short - the End is approaching – so they are proceeding at great speed – and AT ANY COST – they are devotees - willing to sacrifice their entire economies, and any human life.

### **The current situation has an end**

You should know that the time of persecution and deprivation of human rights (the time of the Anti-Christ) will only last 3.5 years. You only have to hold out for this length of time against forced vaccinations and restrictions on buying and selling, travel, work, education and access to medical help.

You will also have to hold out against arrest once the vaccine becomes mandatory, since then being unvaccinated will be a criminal offence. Most likely, unvaccinated will be fined, and refusal to pay will result in detention. Many Christians will be martyred at this time – just as Christians were martyred in the early church, prior to the destruction of Jerusalem.

If you can hold out for 3.5 years, then you will survive.

### **Time scale**

If we count the time of the beast from November 2021, when the vaccine becomes mandated through health passports, then this will last until May 2025.

### **Following Judgements**

Following the 3.5 years, there will be a series of judgements in the form of cataclysms, but Christians WILL BE protected from these. This will be a time of disruption and shortages, so prepare.

When the meteor strikes become imminent, many will flee underground for protection – but this may prove fatal, since the earthquakes that follow may trap or crush them. The Bible says that Christians will be protected. This is a test.

### **Armageddon**

After the cataclysms most countries will be in a state of disarray – many people will still be sheltering underground. Many will be ill from the vaccines. The kings of the East will perceive an opportunity to launch an invasion while countries are still recovering, taking advantage of the weakness and disarray following the devastations.. A vast army of 200 million will cross the Euphrates. There will be a war. It will be a war of the armies of Christ against the armies of the East. It will be a conventional war. Many will die, but Christ will have the victory.

### **Should we be worried about nuclear war?**

The proliferation of nuclear weapons has been closely monitored by “higher powers” since the advent of the atomic age in the 1940s.

Since the first atomic tests at Los Alamos, and ongoing through all of the Cold war, more advanced beings were monitoring our activity, and frequent interventions at nuclear missile bases were observed by ground crew, radar crew and missile operatives. Sometimes whole batteries of missiles were deactivated or disabled – this occurred at both Russian and American bases.

Any build up to a world-wide nuclear war would probably result in increased interventions, perhaps to disable that capability.

This might explain why Armageddon takes the form of a land army (conventional warfare).

### **God on our side**

The Bible says that the servants of God will be protected from the cataclysmic judgements following the 3.5 years of the Beast. These cataclysms will therefore target and weaken the ground forces of the enemy in advance of Armageddon. So God is already fighting on your side before the battle begins.

If you survive this long, you will see that battle.....it takes place straight after the judgements , whilst people are recovering. So, you will see it.

Will you stand with Christ at Armageddon?

### **A Cause for Hope**

When the Israelites entered Canaan they were faced with giants, yet with God’s help they conquered the land. This may be a case of David against Goliath, but the vast army of the enemy (200 million troops) will be weakened, and Christ will be on our side.

THE END