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A Suggested Chronology of the Tribulation Period and end Time Events

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Review: In our brief study of Revelation we've seen that:

1- The overwhelming story line is that God, the Creator & Savior is in control of history. It is in reality "[His Story](#)," and He is moving it on a steady course toward a final hour when He will set His Son upon the throne of the universe. Every knee will bow before Him.

2- Jesus is the Administrator of coming world events, and He alone is worthy to unseal God's last will & testament for earth.

3- There is a definite period of seven years of tribulation outlined in Daniel & Revelation: The Last of God's Prophetic History.

4- At the end of history is a New Heaven & New Earth, our home.

[TODAY: A look at a proposed chronology of end time events.](#)

**A: Rapture of the Church: 1 Thes.4:13-18; Jn 14:1-3, 1 Cor.15:51-2**

- A rapture that can take place at any time, *imminent!*

[1 Thes.4:13-18](#)

**"The dead in Christ**

**Will rise first...**

**After that, we who are**

**Left will be caught up**

**Together with them in**

**The clouds to meet**

**The Lord in the air"**

- Why Pretrib Rapture?

- (1) It best fits the nature of the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel. The 70<sup>th</sup> week deals with: *Daniel's people & city* & antichrist. Jer.30:7.
- (2) It is said to be God's time of wrath for the nations: Is.26:20-21 & 24. [The Church is not appointed to wrath](#): 1 Thes.1:10; 5:9.
- (3) The early church expected Christ's appearing at any time.
- (4) There is no warning of "a tribulation" in any of the epistles.
- (5) Christ's promise is to keep the church from this hour: Rev.3:20

**Rev.3:20**

**"I am going to keep you**

**From the hour of trial**

**That is going to come**

**Upon the whole world**

**To test those who**

**Live on earth.”**

(6) The church (including the rapture) was a mystery in the OT.

(7) The Church is not mentioned between Rev. 4-19.

**B: The Tribulation Period, Seven Years. Dan.9:27; Rev.11:2 & 13:5.**

- Also called the *Day of the Lord* (Zeph.1:7), Jacobs trouble.

(1) *Judgment of believers works*: 1 Cor.3:10-15; 2 Cor.5:10.

**2 Cor.5:10**

**“We must all appear  
Before the judgment  
Seat of Christ that  
Each one may receive  
What is due him”**

**1 Cor.3**

**“His work will be shown for what  
it is...It will be revealed with fire,  
the fire will test the quality of  
each man’s work.**

**If what he has build survives  
He will receive his reward.**

**If it is burned, he will be saved  
As one escaping through flames.”**

*ILLUS: Graduation.* –Ryrie, *Basic Theology* 513

The Judgment Seat of Christ can be compared to a commencement ceremony.

At graduation there is some measure of disappointment that one didn't do better.

However, at such an event the overwhelming emotion is joy, not sorrow.

The graduates don't leave weeping rather thankful they have been graduated.

To overdo the sorrow aspect is to make heaven – hell.

To under do it is to make faithfulness inconsequential.

(2) Antichrist makes *a covenant* with Israel: Dan.9:27.

**Dan.9:27**

**“He will confirm a  
Covenant with many  
For one seven”**

- Perhaps he agrees to build them a temple? Makes peace.

(3) Ministry of *Two Witnesses* begins: Rev.11.

(4) Worldwide Church dominates worship: Rev.17- *Great Prostitute*

**Rev.17**

**“The great prostitute...  
Sitting on a scarlet beast...  
The mother of prostitutes  
...was drunk with the  
Blood of the saints...”**

**Of those who bore  
Testimony to Jesus.”**

(5) **Seal Judgments** begin and run their course: Rev.6

**7 Seal Judgments**

- 1-Conquest of earth**
- 2-Peace taken away**
- 3-Severe Famine**
- 4-1/4 Earth killed**
- 5-Many martyrs**
- 6-Great earthquake**
- 7-Silence in heaven**

**7 Trumpet Jmts**

- 1-1/3 Earth burned**
- 2-1/3 Sea turned to blood**
- 3-1/3 Rivers turned bitter**
- 4-1/3 Sun, moon, stars turned dark**
- 5-Locusts torture people 5 months**
- 6-1/3 Mankind killed**
- 7-Loud voice in**

**7 Bowl Judgments**

- 1-Painful soars on all people**
- 2-All sea life dies**
- 3-Rivers turn to blood**
- 4-Sun scorches people**
- 5-Darkness on earth**
- 6-Euphrates dries up**
- 7-Worst earthquake in history,**

(6) 144,000 Jews sealed

- By the way, if the r... virtually no Christia... would be
- There would be few... people... ent... would be

(7) **Trumpet Judgments** begin, run their course: Rev.8

(8) Gog & Magog invade Israel: Ezek.38-39

Ezek.38-39

“When my people  
Israel are living in  
Safety...you will  
Come from... the far  
North, you & many  
Nations with you” 38:14f

- Israel is in their own land living in safety: 38:8
- The limited alliance attacks for plunder: 38:12
- God destroys the army from the *north* on Israel's Mts: 39:1-4
- **39:22f** “From that day Israel will know the Lord!” *Many saved!*

Ezek.39:22

“From that day  
Israel will  
Know the  
Lord”

- - - **Middle of Tribulation** - - -

(9) Satan is cast out of heaven: Rev.12:7-17

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“The great dragon...  
That ancient serpent  
Called the devil &  
Satan... was hurled

**To the earth”**

(10) **Antichrist** breaks his covenant with Israel: Dan.9:27

[Dan.9:27](#)

**“He will confirm a Cov’t  
For one seven. In the  
Middle of the seven he  
Will...set up the  
Abomination that  
Causes desolation until  
The end decreed for him”**

(11) Antichrist moves to Jerusalem, sets up throne in temple (the *abomination that causes desolation*): Dan.11:41,45, 31; Mt.24:15

[Dan.11:45](#)

**“He will pitch his royal  
Tents... at the beautiful  
Holy Mountain”**

(12) **Ten Kings** form an alliance with antichrist, destroy the world church: Rev.17:12-18; Dan.7:24.

(13) False prophet causes the world to worship antichrist:13:11-17

(14) All must take “mark of the beast” to buy or sell: Rev.13:16-17

(15) With Gog & Magog destroyed– he forms a world gov't: 13:7

- Antichrist is king of the world! **Q:** *Where is America?*

(16) The gospel is proclaimed to all living on earth: Rev.14:6

(17) The Marriage of Bride & the Lamb: Rev.19:7-8; Eph.5:25-27

[Rev.19:7](#)

**“Let us rejoice...  
For the wedding of  
The Lamb has come,  
And his bride has  
Made herself  
ready”**

- Place: in heaven where the Church now resides!
- Participants: Christ and the Church.
- Spectators: OT saints, tribulation saints, angels.
- Takes place between the rapture and second coming.

(18) **The Bowl Judgments** are poured out: Rev.16

(19) Jews persecuted & killed: Rev.13:7; Matt.24:16-21; Dan.11:44

**Rev.13:7**

**“The beast was  
Given power to make  
War against the  
Saints and to  
Conquer them”**

(20) Israel will be supernaturally protected 3 ½ years: Rev.12:14

(21) Antichrist subdues Egypt, Libya & Ethiopia: Dan.11:40;(7:20?)

(22) Kings from the East attack antichrist in Palestine: Rev.16:12

- Evidently as a result of Gog's military destruction & Euphrates.

(23) Babylon is destroyed: Rev.18; 16:19.

- Perhaps as the Kings of the East come toward Palestine.

(24) All the kings gather for **battle at Armageddon**: Rev.16:14,16

- The valley of Megiddo north of Jerusalem.

**Rev.16:16**

**“And they gathered  
The kings together  
To the place that in  
Hebrew is called  
Armageddon”**

(25) Jerusalem is ravaged: Zech.12:2-3;14:1-2

**“I will gather the nations  
To Jerusalem to fight  
Against it, the city will  
Be captured” Zech.14:2**

(26) **Christ returns** to Mt. of Olives to fight for Jerusalem & Israel:

- Zech.14:3-15; 12:2-9; Rev.19:11-21

**Rev.19:11-14**

**“I saw heaven standing  
Open and before me was  
A white horse, whose  
Rider is called Faithful  
& True. With justice  
He judges & makes war...  
The armies of heaven  
Were following Him”**

(27) A remnant of Israel is spiritually reborn in Christ:

- Zech.12:10-13:1; Rom.11:25-29

**“They will look upon me,  
The one they have pierced  
And they will mourn for Him  
As for an only child”**

**-Zech.12:10**

(28) The Beast & False Prophet thrown in Lake of Fire: Rev.19:20

(29) Satan is cast in the abyss for 1,000 years: Rev.20:1-3

Rev.20:2

**“He seized the dragon,  
That ancient serpent  
Who is the devil, or  
Satan, & bound him  
For a thousand years.  
He threw him into  
The Abyss, and  
Locked and sealed it”**

(30) Judgment of living Jews & Gentiles to enter earthly K'dom:

- Matt.25:1-30; 31-46; Ezekiel 20:33-38.
- The Sheep and the Goats parable of Jesus.

(31) **Resurrection of OT believers & tribulation saints:**

- Dan.12:1-3; Is.26:19. Rev.20:4-6.

Daniel 12:2

**“Multitudes who sleep in  
The Dust of the earth  
will awake;  
Some to everlasting life”**

- The Bible presents two resurrections: First & Second
- First= all believers: Christ, rapture, tribulation saints, OT saints.
- Second= after the millennial k'dom: Rev.20:11-15; Dan.12:2.

(32) Marriage supper of the Lamb: Rev.19:7-9; Matt.22:1-14

- Parable of 10 virgins waiting for wedding banquet: Mt.25:1-13
- The wedding takes place in heaven with Christ & the Church.
- The supper/banquet takes place on earth & involves Israel.
- It becomes a picture of the Mill. K'dom to which Israel has been invited during the tribulation period.
- At the second coming Israel will be waiting for the King to return with His bride for the wedding feast.

(31) **Jerusalem is capital** of Millennial Kingdom: Zech.14:9f; Ezek.43:7

(32) The 1,000 year, Millennial Kingdom of Christ: Rev.20:4-7

- Dan.7:14; Ezek:40-48; Isaiah 60-66
- This is the direct divine government of earth for 1,000 years.

- The 12 Apostles govern the 12 tribes of Israel: Luke 22:28-30
- The Church reigns with Christ: 1 Cor.6:2-3; Rev.5:10
- The tribulation saints reign with Christ: Rev.20:4
- The OT saints will participate/ rule also: Dan.12:2-3; 7:27
- This is the fulfillment of God's "Promised Land" cov't to Israel.
- Earth blooms, curse removed: Amos 9:13-15; Is.35:1-2; Ez.36:35

[Ezekiel 36:35](#)

**“This land that  
Was laid waste has  
Become like the  
Garden of Eden”**

- Harmony between man and animals: Isaiah 11:6-9; 65:25
  - Deformities all healed: Isaiah 35:5-6
  - [Perfect world-wide peace among the nations](#): Zech.9:10
  - Topographical changes: Ezek 47:1-12; Zech14:4-10; Is.19:23-25
- (33) Satan released, final rebellion, thrown in Lake of Fire: 20:7-10

(34) **Great White Thrown Judgment**, all unbelievers: Rev.20:11-15

**“If anyone’s name  
Was not found in  
The book of life  
He was thrown  
Into the lake of fire”**

(35) New heaven and earth, the eternal state & environment:

- Rev.21-22
- Residents of The New Jerusalem: Heb.11:16; 12:22-24
- Seem to be the Church, Tribulation saints, OT saints & angels
- Perhaps those saved during the Mill. K'dom inherit new earth.
- Both receive the cov't promises of God: hvnly city & the land.

#### CONCLUSION:

We have been made Ambassadors of Jesus Christ.

The greatest challenge we have daily, is to focus not on what is “seen,” but on what is “unseen.” The seen is temporary, the unseen is eternal.

God doesn't give us all this information just so we're “smarter.,” but that we might live with His perspective on time & eternity.