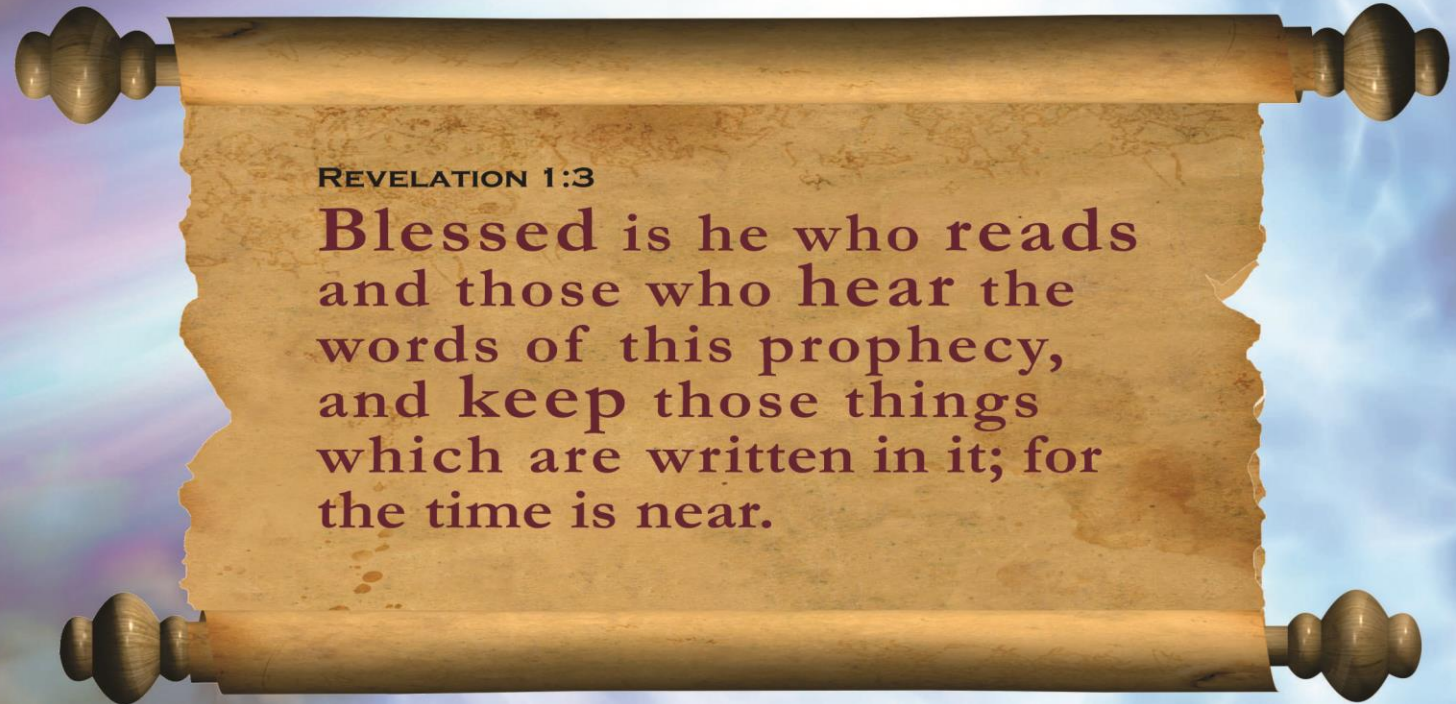




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## A REVELATION BIBLE STUDY

*God has a Promised Blessing*



REVELATION 1:3

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

*For You!*

# Revelation 1 New King James Version (NKJV)

## Introduction and Benediction

**1** The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified *it* by His angel to His servant John, <sup>2</sup> who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw. <sup>3</sup> Blessed *is* he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time *is* near.

## Greeting the Seven Churches

<sup>4</sup> John, to the seven churches which are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

<https://biblehub.com/revelation/1-6.htm>

**New International Version**

and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

**New Living Translation**

He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God his Father. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

**English Standard Version**

and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**Berean Study Bible**

who has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

**Berean Literal Bible**

and He has made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion to the ages of the ages. Amen.

**New American Standard Bible**

and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father-- to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**New King James Version**

and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**King James Bible**

And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

**Christian Standard Bible**

and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father--to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**Contemporary English Version**

He lets us rule as kings and serve God his Father as priests. To him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

**Good News Translation**

and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father. To Jesus Christ be the glory and power forever and ever! Amen.



## Kings or Kingdom in Revelation 1:5-6

Discussion in 'Languages' started by Rogerant, Dec 4, 2009.

Dec 4, 2009

#1



**Rogerant**  
Puritan Board Freshman

I recently had a Baptist preacher provide a defense that the word Kings should be translated as kingdom in **Revelation 1:5-6**. I also see that many translations and Poythress have translated it as kingdom. But the KJV and NKJV translate it as kings.

1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6 And hath made us **kings** and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

In my Strong's concordance for kings I find they use Strongs number 935 Basileus. When I check where it is used elsewhere in the bible and the book of Revelation it is always translated as kings, not kingdom. Kingdom is always 932 Basileia and is always translated as such.

**Revelation 5:10** also translates 935 as kings:

5:10 And hast made us unto our God **kings** and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Now I have not problem with us as being defined as ruling as kings, vassal kings under our suzerin King.

But why do some translations and commentators change this word to kingdom rather than use the obvious kings as it is used in other places?



Contra\_Mundum  
Pilgrim, Alien, Stranger

Staff Member

The TR looks like it contains a "kai" ("and") between the words b. & i., which is not in the CT (cf. [Rev.5:10](#); other difference include a variant in the "king-" term ending).

Bottom line, the language in Revelation reflects [Exodus 19:6](#), "And you shall be to Me a **kingdom of priests** and a holy nation."

So, which is a better rendering? A cursory glance at the NT shows me that except for this verse (if the rendering "kings" is adopted) perhaps only one other place, [1Cor.4:8](#) (and in a negative or sarcastic sense) are Christians denominated "kings." The King is Christ, and we receive his kingdom (cf. e.g. [1Cor.6:9f](#), [Heb.12:28](#)). In the derivative sense, then, we are small-k kings; but the *explicit testimony* to this is decidedly mixed (see above), if it is much there at all, given the question on translation/meaning in [Rev.1:6](#).

The universal priesthood of all believers is more plainly stated, but see [Gen.17:6](#), cf. [Gal.3:7](#).

Conclusion, if I accept the "kings" translation as verbally the most accurate, I would also have to accept it in the primary sense of "kingdom," that is a whole nation comprised of princes (everyone without exception of one high rank, relative to the King of Kings). This would accord best, in my opinion, with the rest of the NT

## On-Line Resources

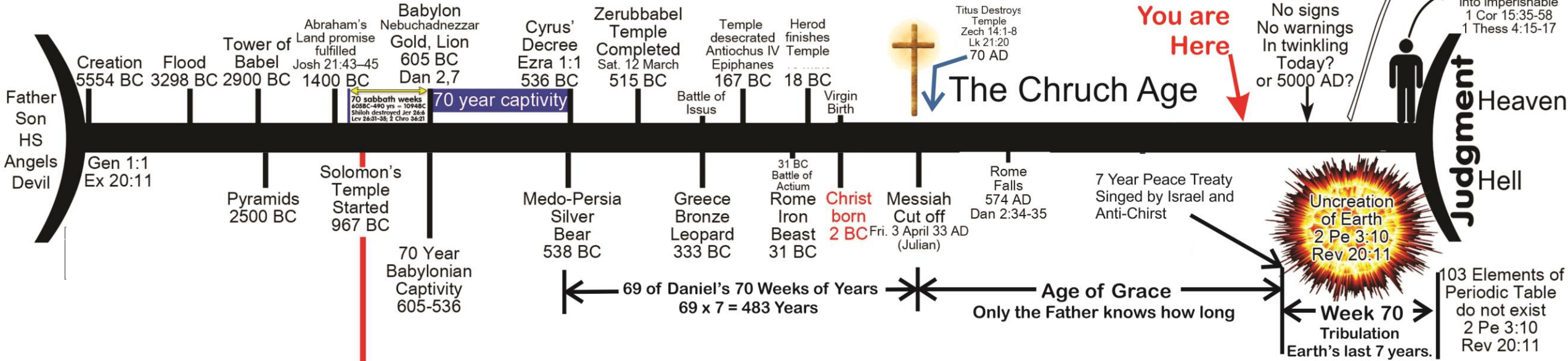
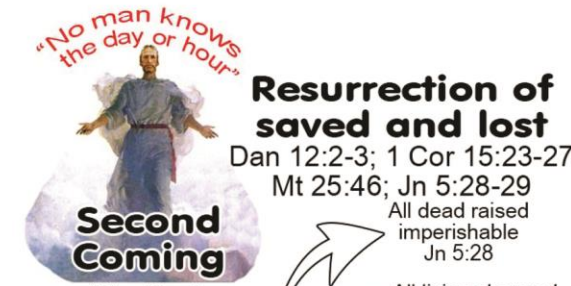
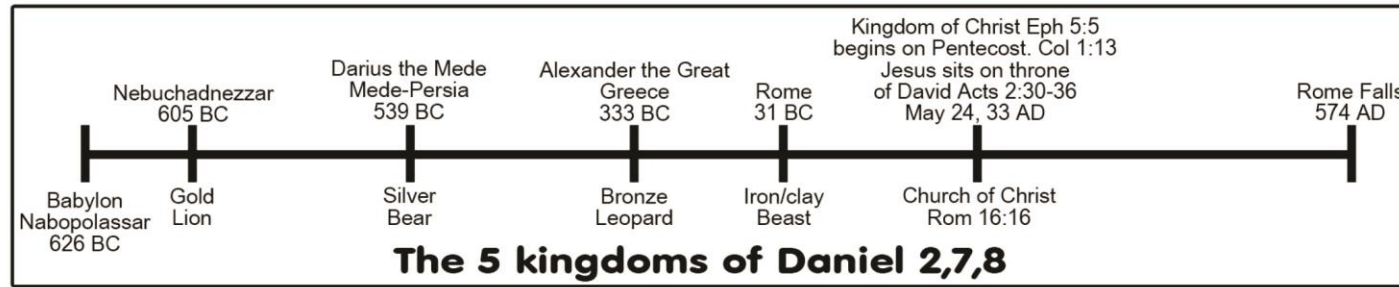
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# Most bible dates are FUZZY



**Physical Temple 967 BC of Solomon**

**1000 years**  
 Start of Physical Temple to start of Spiritual Temple  
 (967 BC - AD 33 = Literally 999, no zero)

**33 AD**

## The Chruch Age

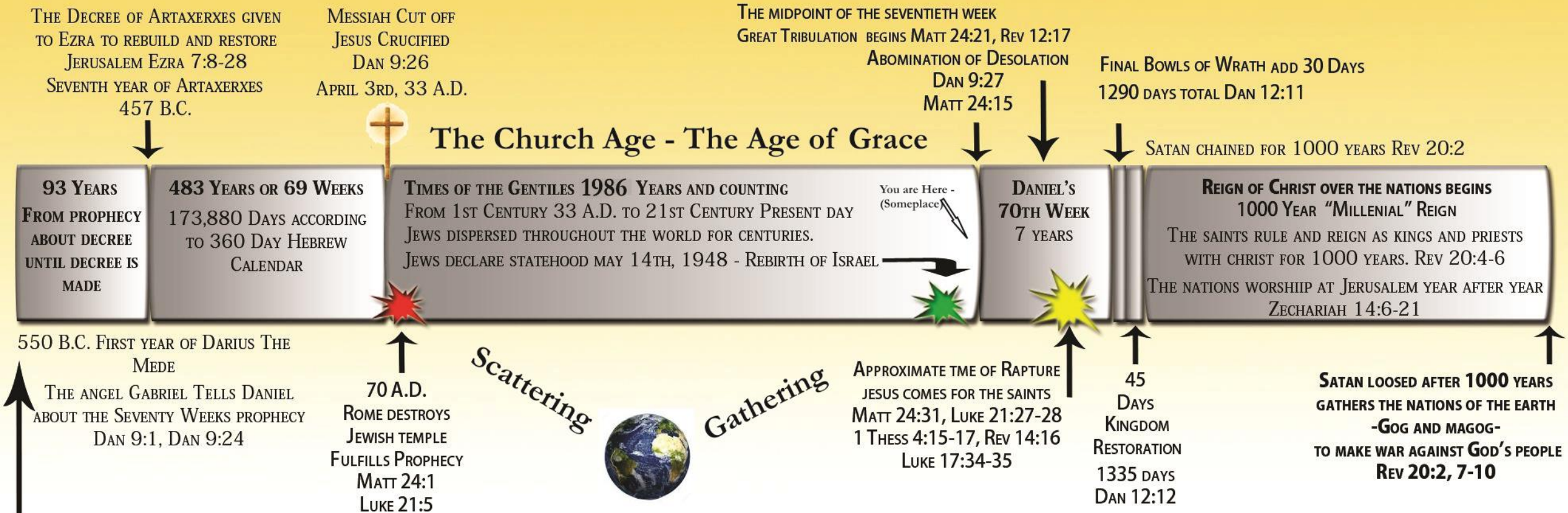
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# THE SEVENTY WEEKS PROPHECY

## PROPHETIC TIMELINE DANIEL 9:24-27



## Vision of the Son of Man

<sup>9</sup> I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, <sup>11</sup> saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send *it* to the **seven churches** which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw **seven golden lampstands**, <sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. <sup>14</sup> His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; <sup>15</sup> His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; <sup>16</sup> He had in His right hand **seven stars**, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

<sup>17</sup> And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying <sup>Ⓜ</sup>to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup> I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. <sup>19</sup> Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this. <sup>20</sup> The <sup>Ⓜ</sup>mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches."





# The Church Age Chart

## Correlation With The Kingdom Parables - Prophecies Of The Church Age

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The Ten Virgins - Matt 25.1-13

The Talents and Stewards - Matt 25.14-30

## The Things Which Are - The Seven Churches

Ephesus	Smyrna	Pergamos	Thyatira	Sardis	Philadelphia	Laodicea
						
Rev 2.1-7	Rev 2.8-11	Rev 2.12-17	Rev 2.18-29	Rev 3.1-6	Rev 3.7-13	Rev 3.14-22

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# SEVEN CHURCHES

## (The chart)

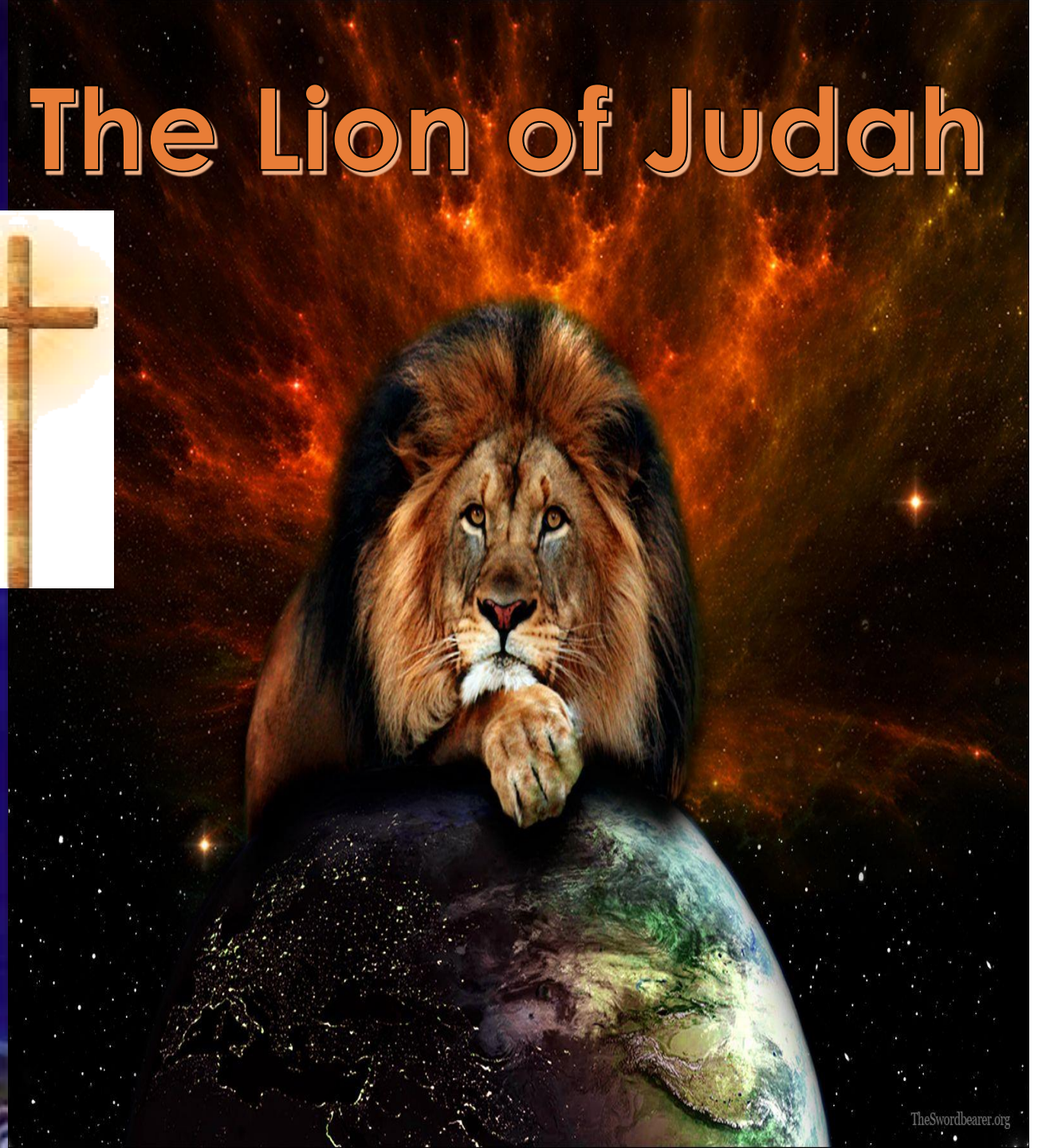
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<b>EPHESUS</b> 2: 1- 7	70 –170	BACK-SLIDEN CHURCH (2: 5)	EARLY CHURCH	HOLDING 7 STARS WALKING IN THE MIDST OF 7 CANDLESTICKS (2: 1)	WORKS, LABOUR, PATIENCE, NOT FAINTED (2: 2; 3)	HAST LEFT THE FIRST LOVE (2: 4)	<b>REPENT</b> , DO THE FIRST WORK. (2: 5)	WILL REMOVE CANDLESTICK OUT OF HIS PLACE (2: 5)	GIVE TO EAT OF THE TREE OF LIFE IN PARADISE OF GOD. (2: 7) HIM HEAR	2: 7 HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR.
<b>SMYRNA</b> 2: 8-11	170 –312	PERSECUTED CHURCH (2: 10)	UNDER ROMAN PERSECUTION.	THE FIRST AND THE LAST, WAS DEAD AND IS ALIVE (2: 8)	WORKS, TRIBULATION, BLASPHEMY OF JEW (2: 9)	<b>NIL</b>	FEAR NONE THOSE (2: 10)	DEVIL MAY CAST SOME IN PRISON, YE BE TRIED. (2: 10)	SHALL NOT BE HURT OF THE SECOND DEATH. (2: 11)	2: 11 HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR.
<b>PERGAMOS</b> 2:12- 17	312-606	LICENTIOUS CHURCH (2: 14)	UNITED WITH THE WORLD UNDER (ROMAN)	HATH THE SHARP SWORD WITH TWO EDGES (2: 12)	WORKS, WHERE THOU DWELL (2: 13)	DR'NE OF BALAAM, NICOLAITENES (2: 14, 15)	<b>REPENT</b> (2: 16)	FIGHT WITH THE SWORD OF MY MOUTH. (2: 16)	HIDDEN MANNA, WHITE STONE, IN WHICH WRITTEN A NEW NAME. (2: 17)	2: 17 HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR
<b>THYATIRA</b> 2:18-29	606-1520	LAXATIVE CHURCH (2: 20)	CHURCH OF THE DARK AGE	SON OF GOD, WHO HAS EYES LIKE FLAMES OF FIRE AND FEET FINE BRASS (2: 18)	WORKS, CHARITY SERVICE, FAITH (3: 19)	SUFFER WOMAN JEZEBEL (2: 20)	<b>REPENT</b> (2: 22)	GIVE EVERYONE ACCORDING TO WORKS (2: 23)	GIVE HIM THE MORNING STAR. (2: 28)	2: 29 HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR
<b>SARDIS</b> 3: 1- 6	1520-1750	DEAD CHURCH (3: 1)	CHURCH OF REFORMATION PERIOD	HATH 7 SPIRITS OF GOD AND SEVEN STARS. (3: 1)	WORKS, LIVETH BUT DEAD. (3: 1)	WORKS NOT PERFECT. (3: 2)	<b>REPENT</b> (3: 3)	COME ON THEE AS THIEF, IN AN HOUR NOT KNOWN (3: 3)	WHITE RAIMENT, NAME NOT BLOTTED (3: 5)	3: 6 HE THAT LET HIM HEAR
<b>PHILADELPHIA</b> 3: 7-13	1750-1900	FAVOURRED CHURCH (3: 10)	MODERN AGE OF MISSION ZEAL	HE THAT IS HOLY HE THAT IS TRUE, HATH THE KEY OF DAVID. (3: 7)	WORKS, LITTLE STRENGTH, KEPT WORD (3: 8)	<b>NIL</b>	MAKE THEM TO COME WORSHIP (3: 9)	HOLD FAST, NO MAN TAKE THY CROWN (3: 11)	MAKE PILLAR, NAME OF GOD, NAME OF CITY, AND HIS NAME. (3: 12)	3: 13 HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET HIM HEAR
<b>LEVO-DECEA</b> 3: 14-	1900-TILL THIS DAY	LUKE-WARM CHURCH (3: 16)	FINAL APOSTATE CHURCH	AMEN, FAITHFUL & TRUE WITNESS, BE OF CREATION OF GOD (3: 14)	WORKS, NO COLD NO HOT (3: 15)	THOU LUKE-WARM (3: 16, 17)	<b>REPENT IF ANY MAN OPEN.</b> (3: 19, 20)	BUY GOLD, WHITE RAIMENT, EYE SALVE (3: 18)	SIT WITH HIM ON THRONE (3: 21)	3: 22 HE THAT HATH AN EAR, LET







The Lamb of God



The Lion of Judah







# **GREAT TRIBULATION**

## **Seven SEALS**

- 1. Antichrist**
- 2. Anarchy**
- 3. Famine**
- 4. 1/4 Slain**
- 5. Martyrs**
- 6. Earthquake**
- 7. TRUMPETS**

- 1. Trees burn**
- 2. Sea blood**
- 3. Rivers**
- 4. Sun dark**
- 5. Abyss open**
- 6. Army**
- 7. VIALS**

- 1. Disease**
- 2. Sea blood**
- 3. Rivers**
- 4. Sun hot**
- 5. Darkness**
- 6. Euphrates**
- 7. Babylon**



# Revelation's Chronological Narrative of 7 Seals, 7 Trumpets and 7 Bowls

Seals	#1-6	#7						
Trumpets		#1-4	#5	#6	#7			
Bowls							#1-7	

Narrative								
Chapter:	6	8	9	10	11	15 - 16	19 - 22	
Parentetical	(7)					(12)	(17)	
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Chapter 7



Chapter 11

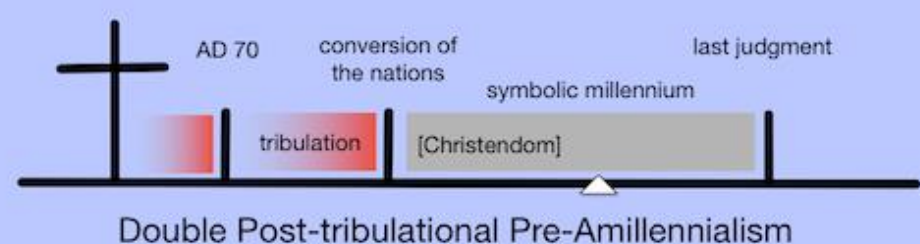
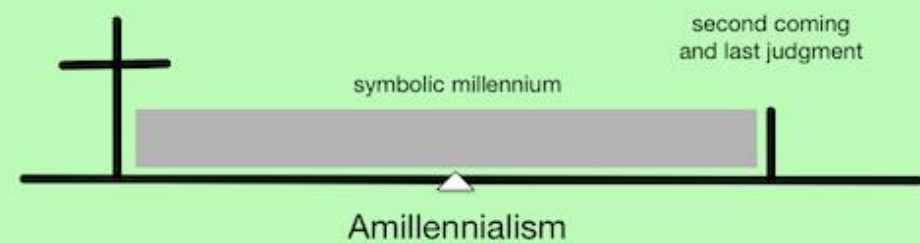
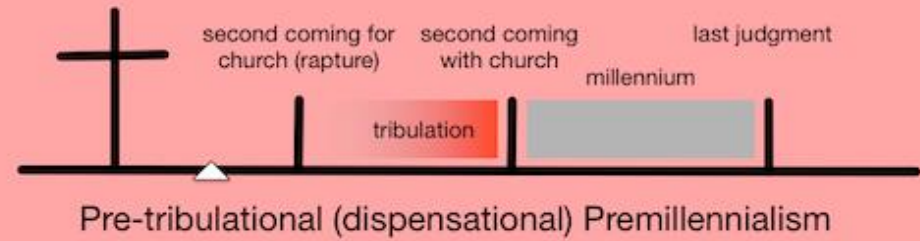
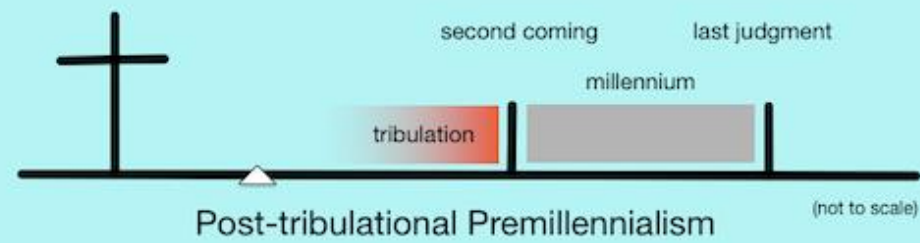


Chapters 12 and 13











## Historical (Preterist) = *Benware*

- Most about history – real events & people in 1st century

## Futurist

- Most about future – real people & events in centuries to come

## Symbolic (Allegorical)

- Not only History or Future – Symbolic of battle Christ versus Satan – believers & church face throughout history

## Combination = *Berding & Williams*

- Covering all : History + Past + Ongoing
- To encourage all Christians through persecution in all times

## Deuteronomy 28:12-16, 64-65

<sup>12</sup> The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. <sup>13</sup> The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom. <sup>14</sup> Do not turn aside from any of the commands I give you today, to the right or to the left, following other gods and serving them.

### Curses for Disobedience

<sup>15</sup> However, if you do not obey the Lord your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come on you and overtake you:

<sup>16</sup> You will be cursed in the city and cursed in the country.

...

<sup>64</sup> Then the Lord will scatter you among all nations, from one end of the earth to the other. There you will worship other gods—gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor your ancestors have known. <sup>65</sup> Among those nations you will find no repose, no resting place for the sole of your foot. There the Lord will give you an anxious mind, eyes weary with longing, and a despairing heart. <sup>66</sup> You will live in constant suspense, filled with dread both night and day, never sure of your life.