

A Proposed Chronology of the End Times

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As we work our way through the book of Revelation, it can easily become confusing to fit the pieces of the Bible's prophetic puzzle together. We should keep in mind that God reveals details concerning the future to us so that we can have hope in things to come! To aid in this process, I want to attempt to put the pieces into a chronological sequence for you. I certainly wouldn't insist on the correctness of every detail in this outline, but my prayer is that it will help you get a better grasp of the overall flow of event in the end times.

Events in Heaven:

1. The Rapture of the Church. (1 Cor. 15:51-58; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Rev. 3:10)
2. The Judgment Seat of Christ. (Rom. 14:10; 1 Cor. 3:9-15; 4:1-5; 9:24-27; 2 Cor. 5:10)
3. The Marriage of the Lamb. (2 Cor. 11:2; Rev. 19:6-8)
4. The Singing of Two Special Songs. (Rev. 4-5)
5. The Lamb Receiving the Seven-Sealed Scroll. (Rev. 5)

Events on Earth:

1. Seven Year Tribulation
 1. Beginning of the Tribulation
 - i. Tribulation begins when the Antichrist signs a covenant with Israel, bringing peace to Israel and Jerusalem. (Dan. 9:27; Ezek. 38:8, 11)
 - ii. The Jewish temple in Jerusalem is rebuilt. (Dan. 9:27; Rev. 11:1)
 - iii. The reunited Roman Empire emerges in a ten-nation confederation. (Dan. 2:40-44; 7:7; Rev. 17:12)
 1. First Half of the Tribulation
 - i. The seven Seal Judgments are opened. (Rev. 6)
 - ii. 144,000 Jewish believers begin their great evangelistic ministry. (Rev. 7)
 - iii. Gog and his allies invade Israel, while Israel is at peace under the covenant with Antichrist, and are supernaturally decimated by God. (Dan. 11:40-45; Ezek. 38-39). This will probably occur somewhere near the end of the 3½ year period. The destruction of these forces

will create a major shift in the balance of power that will enable the Antichrist to begin his rise to world ascendancy.

1. The Midpoint of the Tribulation

- i. Antichrist breaks his covenant with Israel and invades the land. (Dan. 9:27; 11:40-41)
- ii. Antichrist begins to consolidate his empire by plundering Egypt, Sudan, and Libya, whose armies have just been destroyed by God in Israel. (Dan. 11:42-43; Ezek. 38-39)
- iii. While in North Africa, Antichrist hears disturbing news of insurrection in Israel and immediately returns there to destroy and annihilate many. (Dan. 11:44)
- iv. Antichrist sets up the abomination of desolation in the rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem. (Dan. 9:27; 11:45a; Matt. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 13:5, 15-18)
- v. Sometime during these events the Antichrist is violently killed, possibly as a result of a war or assassination. (Dan. 11:45; Rev. 13:3, 12, 14; 17:8)
- vi. Satan is cast down from Heaven and begins to make war with the woman, Israel (Rev. 12:7-13); the chief means he uses to persecute Israel is the two beasts in Rev. 13.
- vii. The faithful Jewish remnant flee to Petra in modern Jordan, where they are divinely protected from the remainder of the Tribulation. (Matt. 24:16-20; Rev. 12:15-17)
- viii. Antichrist is miraculously raised from the dead to the awestruck amazement of the entire world. (Rev. 13:3)
- ix. After his resurrection from the dead, the Antichrist gains political control over the ten kings of the reunited Roman Empire; three of these kings will be killed by the Antichrist and the other seven will submit. (Dan. 7:24; Rev. 17:12-13)
- x. The two witnesses begin their 3½ year ministry. (Rev. 11:2-3)
- xi. Antichrist and the ten kings destroy the religious system of Babylon and set up their religious capital in the city. (Rev. 17:16-17)

1. The Last Half of the Tribulation

- i. Antichrist blasphemes God and the false prophet performs great signs and wonders and promotes false worship of the Antichrist. (Rev. 13:5, 11-15)

- ii. The mark of the beast (666) is introduced and enforced by the false prophet. (Rev. 13:16-18)
- iii. Totally energized by Satan, the Antichrist dominates the world politically, religiously, and economically. (Rev. 13:4-5, 15-18)
- iv. The Trumpet Judgments are unleashed through the final half of the Tribulation. (Rev. 8-9)
- v. Knowing he has only a short time left, Satan intensifies his relentless, merciless persecution of the Jewish people and Gentile believers on Earth. (Dan. 7:25; Rev. 12:12; 13:15; 20:4)

1. The End of the Tribulation

- i. The Bowl Judgments are poured out in rapid succession. (Rev. 16)
- ii. The campaign of Armageddon begins. (Rev. 16:16)
- iii. Commercial Babylon is destroyed. (Rev. 18)
- iv. The two witnesses are killed by Antichrist and are resurrected by God 3½ days later. (Rev. 11:7-12)
- v. Christ returns to the Mount of Olives and slays the armies gathered against him throughout the land, from Megiddo to Petra. (Rev. 19:11-16; Isa. 34:1-6; 63:1-5)
- vi. Birds gather to feed on the carnage of the battle. (Rev. 19:17-18)

1. After the Tribulation

- 1. Interval or Transition Period of 75 Days. (Dan. 12:12)
 - i. Antichrist and the false prophet are cast in the Lake of Fire. (Rev. 19:20-21)
 - ii. The abomination of desolation is removed from the temple. (Dan. 12:11)
 - iii. Israel is regathered. (Matt. 24:31)
 - iv. Israel is judged. (Ezek. 20:30-39; Matt. 25:1-30)
 - v. Gentiles are judged. (Matt. 25:31-46)
 - vi. Satan is bound in the abyss. (Rev. 20:1-3)

vii. Old Testament and Tribulation saints are resurrected. (Dan. 12:1-3; Isa. 26:19; Rev. 20:4)

1. 1,000 Year Reign of Christ on Earth. (Rev. 20:4-6)
2. Satan's final revolt and defeat. (Rev. 20:7-10)
3. The Great White Throne Judgment of the Lost. (Rev. 20:11-15)
4. The destruction of the present Heavens and Earth. (Matt. 24:35; 2 Pet. 3:3-12; Rev. 21:1)
5. The creation of the New Heavens and Earth. (Isa. 65:17; 66:22; 2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:1)
6. Eternity. (Rev. 21:9-22:5)

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