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Brief Summary

This brief summary highlights the most important thoughts concerning the three corresponding prophecies in Revelation and how, according to the document, they together point to Christ's return, judgment, and final victory.

- Revelation contains three corresponding prophecies, and we call them: The Seven Seals, The Woman and the Dragon, and Christ's Victory.
- According to the document, all three prophecies point to the same central event, namely the return of Christ.
- The Second Coming is described as a time of judgment, vengeance, disasters, and worldwide conflict, not as a silent or secret event.
- The seals, trumpets, and bowls are linked to successive judgments that culminate in Armageddon and Christ's reign.
- The document ends with Christ's thousand-year reign, the final judgment of Satan and mankind, the new heaven and earth, and the New Jerusalem.

The Sequence of Events:

A Son is born unto us, He is caught up unto God and His throne, The beast that rises out of the sea (Vatican City), The beast that rises out of the earth (Washington, D.C.), The mark of the beast, The return of the Saviour, His redeemed meet Him in the air and return with Him to the earth, He pours out His judgments of vengeance upon the inhabitants of the earth, The final judgment is the Battle of Armageddon, Satan is shut up in the bottomless pit for a thousand years, The King reigns over the earth for a thousand years with His redeemed and restores creation to what it was before sin, Satan is released from his prison and deceives the nations to march against Jerusalem and destroy the King and His people (the war of Gog and Magog), Fire comes down from heaven and devours them. Satan and his angels are cast into Hell, The day of His great judgment arrives and all who have not been washed in the blood of the Lamb end up in Hell with Satan. There is a new heaven and a new earth, and the New Jerusalem descends from God out of heaven.

Three Corresponding Prophecies in Revelation

A) The Book of the Seven Seals. Revelation 6
B) The Woman and the Dragon Revelation 12
C) Victory of Christ Revelation 19:11

Reading Guide: The same colour and emoji connect passages that run parallel to one another.

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First judgment	Second judgment
Third judgment	Fourth judgment
Fifth judgment	Sixth judgment / Armageddon
Seventh judgment / Kingdom	Bride / New Jerusalem
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Full Breakdown

This explanation consists of three narratives, three witnesses, three gospels, and three prophecies: an A, a B, and a C revelation. All three of these passages in Revelation tell us of the same event, namely the return of Christ.

All three tell the events in sequence, and we do not have to wonder what happens when; it has been written down for us in order.

A) The Book of the Seven Seals – Revelation 6

A1) The seven seals are opened

> **Revelation 5:9** *And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;*

We are familiar with the sealed book and with Him who is worthy to open it, yet we seldom consider what the book contains. The book has been opened, and we can read what is written in it.

A1.1) The White Horse

> **Revelation 6:1-2** *And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.*

After Christ rose from the dead, He went forth conquering and to conquer. In Revelation 19:11 we again read of the white horse, this time at the return of Christ.

The period represented by the white horse extends from the resurrection to approximately AD 300.

A1.2) The fiery red horse

> **Revelation 6:3-4** *And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.*

A time of war and death follows after the Roman Empire ceased to exist as a world ruler. Peoples and nations came out from under Roman authority and enforced their own authority by force. The church arose and prescribed to everyone what they were to believe. In the 1500s Protestantism arose, and many religious wars followed because of it. The Roman Empire lost its military component and with it its domination of the world, and therefore nations began to rise against one another.

A1.3) The Black Horse

> **Revelation 6:5-6** *And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.*

A period of trade follows the period of war. In the Netherlands, the first public company that sells its shares to the public on a stock exchange is established. Trade between countries becomes more important than war between countries. Wars between countries still occurred, but now no longer for the sake of power, but more for the sake of trade and money.

This period extends from the 1500s to the present day.

A1.4) The Pale Horse

> **Revelation 6:7-8** *And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.*

The age of trade is followed by an age of death. Our present period is replaced by death. No one wishes to experience it, yet it must occur before the remaining prophecies can be fulfilled.

A1.5) The souls under the altar

> **Revelation 6:9-11** *And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.*

Under the altar are the souls of those who were killed for the sake of the Word of God. They are waiting to be avenged upon the inhabitants of the earth. They are already impatient and keep asking how much longer, but the answer is still that more martyrs will be added and that they must wait until everyone is there; then they will be avenged upon the inhabitants of the earth. Even today they are waiting for the martyrs of our time, those who are persecuted for the sake of the truth of God's Word.

A1.6) The people of the earth flee from the Lamb who sits on his throne

> **Revelation 6:12-17** *And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?*

Then it happens: the day for which the martyrs asked, the great day of His wrath. This is the day on which the King returns to the earth upon His white horse to take vengeance upon His enemies and to take His Kingdom from the inhabitants of the earth and from the dragon.

Some people expect the Second Coming to be a beautiful day, that the King will appear upon the clouds and then descend to the earth. There was a great earthquake; the sun became black, the moon like blood, and the stars disappeared. All the mountains and islands moved out of their places. There is chaos on the earth among the people. The people hid themselves in the dens and rocks of the mountains. It is quite astonishing to see how mankind is already prepared to hide in underground cities that they have been building for years.

This is one of the three greatest events in the history of the world: first creation, then the first coming of Christ, and finally His return.

A1.7) The servants of God who are on earth are sealed before the angels blow the trumpets

> **Revelation 7:2-3** *And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.*

The Rider upon the white horse is about to pour out His vengeance through His angels upon the inhabitants of the earth, but He has no desire to pour out that vengeance upon His servants, and therefore they are sealed first. All the pain and suffering that is afterwards poured out upon the inhabitants of the earth does not come upon them, but upon the people who despised God and His Word. Paul tells us how this sealing will take place.

> **1 Thessalonians 4:15-17** *For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

When He comes upon the clouds, the graves of those who died in Christ will be opened, and they, together with the believers who are alive at His coming, will meet Him in the air. Many explain this as a secret ‘rapture’ in which He removes His servants before the great tribulation and later returns to the earth a third time with them.

What Paul describes says that they meet Him in the air. This means that they go up to Him in the air, but then return to the earth with Him. If someone comes to visit me, I go out to meet him at his car and then both of us enter my house. We do not drive away together. When these plagues are poured out, those who belong to Him at His coming are safe with Him, somewhere on the earth, and no evil befalls them.

All who meet Him in the air are changed in an instant: their mortal bodies become immortal and glorified. Because His servants then possess glorified, immortal bodies, the judgments of the angels do not harm them. Those who have not obeyed Him do not meet Him in the air, and the judgments that follow come upon them. This is God's vengeance.

> **1 Corinthians 15:51-54** *Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.*

7 A1.8) Seven angels blow seven trumpets

> **Revelation 8:1-6** *And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets. And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.*

The sixth seal of the book that was opened was the Second Coming of Christ. The seventh seal follows the sixth seal, and this means that all the events that follow will happen after the Second Coming. This means that Christ is on the earth while these things happen. He causes them to happen. Many of us expect these things to be able to happen already now, but the Second Coming will take place first, and then He Himself will cause these judgments.

The martyrs beneath the altar ask how long it will be before they are avenged upon the inhabitants of the earth. Upon this same altar these prayers are mingled with incense, and then they ascend before God. The angel then takes the censer, fills it with fire from the altar, and casts that fire of vengeance upon the earth. Because we grow up with a “Dear Jesus” idea, we struggle to realise that He is, however, a God of anger and vengeance.

The seven angels each have a trumpet, and they stand ready to sound it. After one angel has sounded, there is a consequence. As soon as the next angel has sounded, there is another consequence. It is important to remember that the Second Coming has now already taken place and that Christ is already on the earth.

We must continually examine ourselves to see whether our expectation of the Second Coming is the same as what He Himself said it would be. What is our expectation? Will it happen in secret? Will it be like the lightning that flashes from the east to the west? Will He appear upon the clouds and then immediately live in peace with everyone? Does He come to fetch us and do we then all go to heaven? Will there be a wedding, or is it a day of vengeance?

> **2 Peter 3:10-12** *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?*

A2) The seven trumpets are blown

A2.1) First Trumpet – Hail and fire destroy a third of the trees and green grass

> **Revelation 8:7** *The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.*

We usually describe the Book of Revelation as prophetic and therefore attach no value to its literal fulfilment; yet we regard the Rider upon the white horse as literal and the dragon being cast into the lake of fire as literal. Everything in Revelation is literal; images are merely used to explain it.

The first trumpet declares that, after Christ comes to the earth, He begins the vengeance for which the souls beneath the altar have asked. Yet their cry is not the only cause: from the beginning of creation, the inhabitants of the earth have rebelled against God.

He humbled Himself, took upon Him the form of a man, and came to dwell among us to deliver us from our sin, but we hated Him, reviled Him as demon-possessed, humiliated Him as a criminal, and tortured Him to death. Even today it is the habit of the inhabitants of the earth to blaspheme God and His Anointed, and therefore His vengeance is upon everyone except those who follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.

The first angel announces great damage to nature. Prophetically it is hail mingled with fire and blood, but literally it may be something else that destroys nature. The outcome of the trumpet is that nature will be so badly damaged that it will affect all the inhabitants of the earth.

If we believe God's words and want to understand what He says, we must follow Him in what He says and not always try to make His words understandable through interpretation. These trumpets that are sounded here are not for the benefit of the inhabitants of the earth; they are Christ's vengeance upon them. He is no longer trying to save them, but to destroy them.

We tend to see the Second Coming as the end, as though everything is simply going to stop and we are going to begin something else, but that is not so. It is simply a continuation of the present. He is going to come upon the clouds, and life continues. It will be a tremendous day; people will hide in holes in the ground, but they will come out again. The sun will not stop moving, and there will still be days. People will still have to eat and drink water even though He has already come.

Christ comes with a body, just as He departed from here with a body. He is not omnipresent. Thus, if He is in the north, He is not in the south. Many may observe His coming and all the violence that accompanies it, but then He is gone again, somewhere else on the earth, and life continues. This is an exceedingly difficult concept for us because we have never considered it before, but this is how it will be.

After the dust of His tremendous coming has settled, the inhabitants of the earth continue with their lives, because they still have to eat every day. While they recover from the shock and try to recover from the events, the first angel prepares to sound his trumpet.

It is also extremely important to know and remember that the present inhabitants of the earth do not expect Christ and will have no idea what is going to happen. Videos of the events will fly around on social media, and everyone will explain what happened. The most popular explanation will be that they are “aliens”, but life will continue even though the King has come.

Then the first angel sounds his trumpet and the trees burn and the grass burns. Not just a little. The Book says a third of the world's trees and grass. Where does the food of the inhabitants of the earth come from? From the trees and the grass, and now far less food is available.

We must again bear in mind that this is not God's call to man to repent, but His vengeance. This first trumpet causes renewed confusion and fear among the people, and after they thought everything was under control following His tumultuous coming, it turns out not to be so.

A2.2) Second trumpet – Burning mountain is thrown into the sea and a third of the sea has become blood.

> **Revelation 8:8-9** *And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.*

The first angel's trumpet struck nature and the second angel's trumpet struck the sea. Everyone who thought they would then simply eat fish found their search for food even more difficult. Food imported from other countries is also much less, because even many of the ships on the sea have perished.

Absolute panic begins to arise, and the governments of the countries try everything to calm the public and find solutions to the sudden, inexplicable disasters striking the earth. Bear in mind again that the inhabitants of the earth today acknowledge that there is no God, and those who do believe that there is a God worship wood and stone. All the so-called Christian preachers have no idea what the Second Coming will be like and are in confusion together with the rest of the inhabitants of the earth. The Christ they expect is certainly not this vengeful Person who has supposedly come upon the clouds.

A2.3) Third trumpet – Burning star fell on the rivers and springs and a third of the water became bitter.

> **Revelation 8:10-11** *And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.*

The inhabitants of the earth and their rulers attempt to survive upon a world in which a third of the vegetation and a third of the sea have been destroyed. Then the next judgment follows.

A third of the water fountains and the rivers are struck, and the water is undrinkable. "How long are all these things going to continue?" ask the inhabitants of the earth. First the food is scarce, then the sea, and now the fresh water; what can still go wrong?

A2.4) Fourth trumpet – A third of the sun, moon and stars have been struck and the third of the day will no longer give its light.

> **Revelation 8:12-13** *And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise. And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabiters of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!*

What can still go wrong? Well, everything that has happened thus far might still have been explained by the clever and learned, but now it is the heavens that are struck. Imagine that the sun rises only at eleven o'clock and sets again at three o'clock. What is the result? Extreme cold, and the plants cannot grow. Because people are so wise in their own eyes, they make another plan (as in Hollywood films), but life is not pleasant. What can still go wrong?

The angel flying in the midst of heaven warns: "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth." The last three angels' trumpets are much worse and will not be able to be explained by people in a so-called scientific way.

🔔 A2.5) Fifth trumpet – A star that has fallen from heaven receives the key of the bottomless pit, with which he then opens it, and locusts with power to torment people for five months come out of it.

> **Revelation 9:1-11** *And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.*

The fifth trumpet is a vivid nightmare that continues for five months. God brings this nightmare upon the inhabitants of the earth because He has vengeance in His heart. The preachers of this world preach only about a “nice” God who would be so happy if we would perhaps just make a place in our hearts to accept Him, but this God of Revelation allows evil beings to torment the inhabitants of the earth for five months because of His accumulated vengeance. The purpose of the fifth trumpet is to hurt the people as much as possible, without their being able to escape it. It is truly a strange gospel.

Why then does God have so much vengeance in His heart if He is a God of love? Because vengeance is part of love. We are given a picture of love that does not exist, and therefore we do not know God, because God is love. God does not have love; God is love; He determines the definition of love. Our picture of love is to be pathetic and to tolerate and overlook everything. That is not God's love. God recompenses because He is a God of love. Recompense, vengeance, and jealousy are part of love.

> **Isaiah 57:11-13** *And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared, that thou hast lied, and hast not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart? have not I held my peace even of old, and thou fearest me not? I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee. When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee; but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take them: but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain;*

⚔ A2.6) Sixth trumpet – The great war beyond the Euphrates.

> **Revelation 9:13-20** *And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt. And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:*

This prophecy is not easy to explain, but when we read the prophecy of the second witness (Revelation 12), it is clear that it is a war between the inhabitants of the earth and the Rider upon the white horse. This war is the result of the desperate inhabitants of the earth being destroyed by the Rider upon the white horse.

From His coming onward, things only went from bad to worse, and every adversity was directed against the inhabitants of the earth. They tried everything to survive these circumstances, but were compelled to come to the conclusion that there was only one possibility for freedom: to defeat this Person who is responsible for all the problems through war. This war is called Armageddon.

Many people will die in this war, but the Rider upon the white horse and His forces will suffer no harm. Notice again that Armageddon is not a war between world powers, but between the world powers and the King upon the white horse.

A2.7) Seventh trumpet – The kingdoms of the world became the possession of the Lamb.

> **Revelation 11:15-17** *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.*

Although the inhabitants of the earth resisted this Rider upon the white horse, the superior force was too great and they submitted themselves to His rule. Through all the pain and suffering, the war at Armageddon was the last straw, and all the people agreed to bow the knee before Him and acknowledge Him as King of the whole earth.

> **Romans 14:9-11** *For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living. But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.*
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> **Philippians 2:9-11** *Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

= END OF PART A =

B) The Woman and the Dragon – Revelation 12

B1) The Woman and the Dragon

B1.1) The woman with the twelve stars appeared in heaven.

> **Revelation 12:1-2** *And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.*

Mary is with child with the King of the twelve tribes of Israel. She is about to give birth and cries out in travail and pain.

B1.2) A great fiery-red dragon swept a third of the stars of heaven along with his tail.

> **Revelation 12:3-4** *And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.*

As the woman cries out in travail, the Devil appears, seeking to destroy the Child she is about to bear. The prophets have spoken of this Child throughout the ages, and the dragon knows that the Child is destined to crush him and then rule as King over all the earth.

> **Genesis 3:15** *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*
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> **Psalm 2:8-9** *Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.*

B1.3) The dragon deceives a third of the angels of God by persuading them that he is equal to the Almighty. They follow him and are cast to the earth with him.

> **Revelation 12:3-4** *And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.*

B1.4) The male Child is caught up unto God and to His throne.

> **Revelation 12:5** *And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.*

Through the actions of the dragon and his subjects he succeeded in killing the Child, but this Child, contrary to what Satan expected, rose from the dead and ascended to God and His throne.

B1.5) The dragon makes war in heaven but cannot prevail.

> **Revelation 12:7-9** *And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

The dragon's plan to escape his condemnation was to kill the Child as soon as He was born, because the prophecy had said that this Child would be responsible for crushing his head. The plan was therefore simple: crush the One who is going to crush me before He can crush me. But then something happened that he did not expect, and his whole plan collapsed.

The Child rises from the dead and goes to God in heaven. There was only one option left for the dragon, and that was to pursue the Child and make war against whoever offered resistance. He ran into Michael and his angels and could not overcome them, but was defeated.

Their place was no longer found in heaven. Before this war, which took place in heaven, the Devil had access to the heavens, but after his defeat he and his angels were banished from heaven.

> **Job 1:6-8** *Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?*

After this war, the place of Satan and his angels was no longer found in the heavens, but they were confined to the earth.

> **Luke 10:17-18** *And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.*

These were prophetic words of Christ concerning what was still to happen: Satan and his angels would fall from heaven, and their place would no longer be there.

B2) The Beast That Rises Out of the Sea

B2.1) The beast that rises out of the sea.

> **Revelation 13:1** *And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.*

This beast prophetically represents a person, institution, or organisation possessing extensive hierarchy, power, and dominion. Seven heads signify seven divisions that function distinctly while remaining part of the same beast. Ten horns signify ten expressions of power, and ten crowns signify ten dominions; yet all belong to the same beast.

B2.2) The beast is like a leopard, a bear, and a lion, and the dragon gave him his power, his throne, and his strength.

> **Revelation 13:2** *And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.*

This beast looks like the beasts that Daniel saw rise out of the sea. Daniel sees a lion, a bear, and a leopard rise out of the sea. There was also a fourth beast that rose out of the sea, but Daniel describes him only as dreadful.

These beasts that Daniel saw were kingdoms. The lion was first, and it was the kingdom of Babylon. The bear was second, and it was the kingdom of the Persians. The leopard was the third beast, and it was the kingdom of the Greeks. The last beast, which Daniel describes as dreadful, terrible, and strong, was the Roman Empire.

In Revelation 13 John sees this beast rise out of the sea. He looks like the kingdoms of Babylon, the Persians, and the Greeks, and the beast that he sees is the same beast that Daniel saw, namely the kingdom of the Romans.

After the fourth kingdom there does not come another kingdom, but this kingdom of the Romans will exist until the Rider upon the white horse comes. The conclusion is that even today we are still under the rule of the Roman Empire. Naturally, we will all protest and say that this is not true, because where is the emperor and where are the soldiers?

This empire of the Romans changed form. The Roman Empire changed into the Roman Church. The Roman emperor, Constantine, lived about three hundred years after Christ and established the church. He did so quite openly and even called it the Roman Church.

Because it was a state institution, the state paid the officials of the church, and in the blink of an eye the church grew into a powerful organisation. The head of the Roman Empire was the Emperor himself, and the head of the church was therefore naturally also the Emperor. Later the Roman Empire lost its status as an empire, but the rule continued through the church. Then the Emperor was no longer the head of the church, but he was called the Pope.

The church now ruled with the same power with which the Roman Empire had ruled. Previously the Emperor waged war, but now it was the Pope. The Pope waged war against certain countries, not with his own army, but through his power over different countries that fought the wars on his behalf.

How did he accomplish this, and where did his power come from? The dragon, Satan, gave him his power, his throne, and his great authority. From this we know that the kingdoms of this world are led by Satan himself. Today the Roman Church, the fourth beast, is still here and will rule until the King comes. The Devil has deceived us so well that most of us are convinced that the Roman Church are Christians, but meanwhile it is the beast that rises out of the sea.

B2.3) One of the dragon's seven heads was wounded to death and his wound was healed.

> **Revelation 13:3-4** *And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?*

About one thousand five hundred years after Christ, great resistance arose in and around the church. Members of the church protested and caused tremendous persecution against the church. Many people called themselves Protestants and left the authority and rule of the church. The church began to persecute and indoctrinate these people, and after many years the church had everyone under its authority again; everyone worships the church again, and through it the dragon.

B2.4) The beast blasphemes God's name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

> **Revelation 13:6-9** *And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If any man have an ear, let him hear.*

What the beast out of the sea wants is worship, and worship takes place in the church. Although all members of the church are assured that they worship the God of the Bible, the dragon has succeeded in deceiving them so that they think they worship the God of the Bible, while in the meantime they worship the beast (the church) and the dragon (Satan).

When Christ warned His disciples that they must guard against deception and be careful, we all underestimated His warning. When God warned Adam against the deception of the serpent, Adam also underestimated it. Just as Adam was convinced that he believed the truth he had heard from the serpent, we believe that we believe the truth we heard from the beast that came out of the sea.

Although the church blasphemes against God, we do not know it, because for the most part we do not know who God is.

B3) The Beast That Rises Out of the Earth

B3.1) The beast that rises out of the earth.

> **Revelation 13:11** *And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.*

This is not the same beast as the beast that came out of the sea, but it is another beast that has now come up together with the first beast. The dragon is the father of lies, and through his lies he deceives us. Everything we have heard about the end-time prophecies comes from the first beast, namely the church, and the beast belongs to the dragon.

The dragon's gospel is proclaimed by the beast, and therefore everything is incomprehensible and confused. Everyone taught by the beast waits for an Antichrist who must come (the beast of Revelation) and for the rapture, and so on, but this is not the truth. This theology of the church confuses the beast with the Antichrist and proclaims that it is the same character and, moreover, that it will be a person, a human being. No one notices that there are two beasts and no Antichrist.

B3.2) He causes those who dwell on the earth to worship the first beast.

> **Revelation 13:12** *And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.*

All the power of the first beast passes to the second beast, and with the same dominance he rules over the inhabitants of the earth. Who then can this beast be that is so strong? Well, every day this second beast boasts of his great power and imposes it upon the whole earth. This beast is Washington, D.C.

The first beast is in Vatican City. Vatican City is a very small area within the city of Rome, but as everyone knows, it is not part of Rome or Italy; it is a country on its own. Washington, D.C., is the original part of present-day Washington: ten square miles. As everyone knows, Vatican City is not part of Rome, but a sovereign country on its own. As almost no one knows, Washington, D.C., is also a sovereign country on its own and is not part of greater Washington or the United States of America. Feel free to investigate it on the internet.

The second beast is therefore not the USA or the citizens of the USA, but a company that unlawfully rules over the citizens of the USA because it is not part of the USA. It would be the same as if the Pope and his associates were to take over the government of Italy.

The purpose of the second beast is to force the inhabitants of the earth to worship the first beast. The second beast does not force the inhabitants of the earth to worship him, because he does not want to be worshipped, but they must worship the first beast. No one worships Washington, D.C., but everyone worships the church.

B3.3) He causes all to receive a mark without which they cannot buy or sell.

> **Revelation 13:16-17** *And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*

This is where we now find ourselves on the timeline of these prophecies in Revelation. We are on the point of being compelled to live in a certain way; otherwise the "system" (the second beast) will take away our ability to buy and sell.

Most people, even those who confess that there is no God, see this trap of total control unfolding before our eyes and do not know how to free themselves from it. We experience political unrest, wars, financial turmoil, and many other things to distract our attention from one thing – total control of all people.

The method they use is known to us and is taking shape before our eyes. We can do nothing about it, because it was foretold by the King Himself; it will happen and cannot fail to happen.

Step one is to get rid of all cash. Without cash I cannot buy or sell without the second beast knowing about it. Step two is to replace cash with a digital trading system. Every person's bank account is replaced by a credit account with the second beast. If the beast is satisfied with your conduct, you will not even notice the new system, but if the beast is dissatisfied with you, he simply stops your ability to buy and sell by freezing your account. Because there is then no more cash, you will necessarily have no ability to pay for anything. Household expenses are not paid, school fees are not paid, food is not bought, fuel is not bought, and so on. Even if you still go to work and do your work properly, your salary is paid into the system and you cannot use it.

The money you have saved and inherited is still yours, but unusable. You are cut off from the system. If you complain to your employer or the police, they make enquiries, and the answer is always the same: You committed an offence and your account has been frozen. But as soon as you correct the offence, you can use your account again. Our choice will simply be: Submit to the beast that forces you to worship the first beast, or go and live on the street, because you will not be able to buy or sell without the mark of the beast.

Here, then, is where we now find ourselves on the timeline of the Second Coming. The second beast is busy spreading out his network of control, and AI-controlled cameras are appearing by the millions. Our own computers, mobile phones, and even motor vehicles help to fill the data centres with our information. Soon their network will be complete, and if you put a foot wrong, you will not be able to buy and sell. Obedience will then be defined by them and no longer according to society.

> **Matthew 24:6-14** *And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

B4) The Lamb and the Seven Last Plagues

B4.1) The Lamb stands upon Mount Sion with the hundred and forty-four thousand.

> **Revelation 14:1** *And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.*

The Lamb is the Rider upon the white horse, and He is on Mount Sion. Because Mount Sion is in Jerusalem, this means that the Rider upon the white horse has come with His armies. He was in Jerusalem two thousand years ago and afterward ascended. The only way He can be in Jerusalem again is to return.

With Him are one hundred and forty-four thousand. They are those who followed the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. This number is not literal, because the Kingdom of God is not full when there are one hundred and forty-four thousand people; God wants all His children to be saved. This number is twelve thousand from each tribe of Israel, and there are twelve tribes. It is symbolic salvation that is equally available to all the tribes of Israel. God is no respecter of persons.

7 B4.2) Seven angels with the seven bowls pour out the last plagues upon the earth.

> **Revelation 15:5-8** *And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.*
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> **Revelation 16:1** *And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.*

Just as with the first narrative, the first prophecy, there are now seven angels on the earth to carry out the judgments of Christ upon the earth. Chronologically, this is just after the period in which the second beast controlled the people by giving them a mark, and during that time of tribulation the Lamb appeared upon Mount Sion.

The plagues and tribulation caused by the angels are the result of God's wrath. He is furious about all the injustice, unrighteousness, rebellion, and blasphemy that the inhabitants of the earth commit against Him. Any person who thinks it is not good or right of Him to do this must wake up: He does what He wills and recompenses everyone who rebels against Him. Anyone who does not want to be part of this outburst of His wrath must turn to God – not to the beast, but to God.

B5) The Seven Bowls Are Poured Out

B5.1) The first bowl – Noisome and grievous sores came upon the people. (See A 2.1)

> **Revelation 16:2** *And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.*

This will happen literally. The Son of man will come upon the clouds, and then He will take vengeance upon all people who did not fear Him. The angel who pours out his bowl causes literal discomfort and pain for the inhabitants of the earth.

Because we do not like what Revelation predicts or how God acts, we avoid it or change it. The first beast, the church, gave us a gospel that is easy and pleasant to the ear, but it will not save us from the vengeance of God. It is better to hear of the coming danger and prepare ourselves to meet our Maker.

> **2 Timothy 4:3-4** *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*

B5.2) The second bowl – The sea became as blood and the living creatures died. (See A2.2)

> **Revelation 16:3** *And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.*

This second angel's action again causes great problems in the sea, as conveyed by the first prophecy. A third of the animals in the sea die, and a third of the ships perish.

B5.3) The third bowl – The rivers and fountains became as blood. (See A 2.3)

> **Revelation 16:4-7** *And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.*

Bear in mind again that the Rider upon the white horse is already on the earth and that all these things that then happen on the earth are His choice and His doing. After the third bowl has been poured out, all the rivers and fountains of waters are affected, and drinking water becomes a problem. This action of God is not to teach people a lesson, but is the result of His vengeance. It is not to chastise them, but vengeance. We as people do not serve a God of vengeance, but He who comes upon the clouds IS a God of vengeance, whether we approve of it or not – He is what He is.

> **Romans 12:19-20** *Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.*

Why does God say that his servants should not avenge themselves on their enemies? So that He can do it; vengeance will be done. So all who act wrongly against God's servants now will receive their retribution on that day when He comes on the clouds, but not from the servants —from their God.

☼ B5.4) The fourth bowl – The sun scorched the people with great heat. (See A 2.4)

> **Revelation 16:8-9** *And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.*

The first narrative in **Revelation 8:12** also said that the fourth angel's influence is upon the heavens. The first narrative prophesied that the sun would not shine for a third of the day, and this prophecy says that the sun will scorch the people. We therefore know that the operation of the sun will be completely disrupted.

When the day is too short, everyone freezes, and when the sun stays out too long again, it scorches the people with its heat. It is a nightmare that is on its way for the people on the earth. We who can still read this are still in the privileged position to do something about it. As long as we equate ourselves with God or even go so far as to rebel against Him, this will be our end; but when we turn to Him (not to the beast who says he is god on earth), crucify ourselves, follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth, and endure to the end, His vengeance will not be upon us. We must therefore prepare ourselves to meet our Creator. If we do not want to turn to Him, that is our choice, but we are still going to meet Him.

🔥 B5.5) The fifth bowl was poured out upon the throne of the beast; his kingdom was darkened and they gnawed their tongues for pain.

> **Revelation 16:10-11** *And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.*

"I will not submit to Him; who does He think He is?" This is the conduct of those who have already gone far through this process of vengeance. This passage is described by the first narrative as the subterranean beings that came out of the bottomless pit with one purpose: to torment the inhabitants of the earth for five months. This narrative says that they gnawed their tongues for pain, but still refused to submit to Him.

He is the new power on earth, and He has come to establish His Kingdom here. He is in the midst of the process of doing so. His government will, however, also be over the inhabitants of the earth who survive these plagues, but they must then submit to Him, for He is King of kings. Even after the fifth angel poured out his bowl and the inhabitants of the earth were tormented for five months, they still resisted and made plans to get rid of this Person who wants to rule over them.

⚔ B5.6) The sixth angel poured out his bowl upon the Euphrates for the great war of Armageddon.

> **Revelation 16:12-16** *And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.*

And then it happened, and then it happened, and then it happened. All these events have followed one another up to this point. The Rider upon the horse stands on Mount Sion; then His angels begin to pour out His judgments upon the inhabitants of the earth, and here we are now at the sixth judgment: Armageddon.

In the world in which we now live, almost every conflict is regarded as the Armageddon of which the Bible speaks, but no, it comes only after the Second Coming, after the King has come. It is not the Russians and the Chinese who are going to make war against the Americans and the Jews; it is all the armies of the world together making war against the Lamb.

The inhabitants of the earth have now experienced five of the plagues of the Lamb and are desperate to escape from under His power. The Second Coming therefore does not take place within a few minutes, after which His Kingdom on earth is established; the inhabitants of the earth resist every plague of the Lamb and try to escape all His deeds. We must remember that most inhabitants of the earth do not believe that there is a God, let alone a coming of Christ. All these events up to this point are strange and inexplicable to them. Some may say that they are aliens or devils, but very

few expect the true Christ, because the first beast taught people to worship and expect an Antichrist, an alternative Christ.

All the world rulers and the kings of the earth then take counsel together, but they are helped and influenced by the false prophet, which are spirits of devils. They are convinced that the available weaponry of the world is sufficient to defeat by force and through war this new Ruler, who is imposing His authority upon them. They think this war must happen at the Euphrates and that the code name must be Armageddon. They fought, but He was too strong, and they had to submit to Him.

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B5.7) The seventh angel poured out his bowl and a voice from heaven cried out, saying: It is done!

> **Revelation 16:17** *And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.*

This is the end of His judgments. He is crowned King of the whole earth, and together with His co-rulers He reigns over the earth for the thousand years of restoration. That which went wrong in the time of Adam suffered for six thousand years under the curse that the Creator pronounced over it; but in the final thousand years the Creator Himself comes, as Man, and restores His creation after He has already saved His creatures from eternal death.

> **1 Corinthians 15:22-28** *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.*

B5.8) The marriage of the Lamb; His wife made herself ready.

> **Revelation 19:7** *Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.*

The marriage of the Lamb does not happen at His Second Coming, as the first beast taught us; the marriage of the Lamb comes after the thousand-year reign of Christ. The Lamb is God, and the bride is not the church (the beast), but the New Jerusalem that descends out of heaven.

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C) Victory of Christ – Revelation 19:11

C1) Victory of Christ, the Thousand Years, and the Final Judgment

C1.1) The King comes to the earth with His white horse and His armies in heaven followed Him. 19:11

> **Revelation 19:11-16** *And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*

This third narrative begins differently from the other two, only at the Second Coming of Christ, but then goes further into the future than the other two. He is the Rider upon the white horse, the armies in heaven followed Him, and He comes to the earth to overthrow and destroy the kingdoms that are on the earth and establish His Kingdom in their place. As we have already seen, this process is not a peaceful discussion between Him and the kings of the earth, but they are confronted only with His mighty condemnation and destruction.

> **Daniel 2:44-45** *And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.*

C1.2) The beast and the armies of the earth gathered themselves together to make war against Him who sits upon the horse.

> **Revelation 19:19** *And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.*

As both the other prophecies confirmed through the action of the sixth angel, the Second Coming of Christ culminates in an enormous war, the battle of Armageddon. The prophet does not say whether it is the first or the second beast, but we know that the first beast, the Roman Empire that became the Roman Church, transferred all its power to the second beast, which compelled the inhabitants of the earth to worship the first beast. It will therefore surely be the second beast, Washington, D.C. (which, as now, is the leader), that wages that war against the Lamb and His armies. The Lamb, however, has overcome, and now follow the consequences of the rebellion against Him.

C1.3) An angel from heaven bound the dragon and shut him up in the bottomless pit for a thousand years.

> **Revelation 20:1-3** *And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.*

These things happen literally. An angel seizes the Devil, binds him with a chain, shuts him in the bottomless pit, and seals it over him, so that he has no contact with anyone on the earth and has no knowledge or information about what happens there, because it is sealed over him. His influence upon the earth is frozen, and he can no longer deceive anyone.

This imprisonment is not permanent, however, but only for a thousand years, after which he will be loosed again – not for ever, only for a short time. We may have many questions, such as: “But why?” and “Why release him again?” These are, however, God’s actions. He always acts in righteousness, and to condemn the Devil must also happen in

righteousness. Slowly but surely the Devil entangles himself in his own unrighteousness, and the rope with which he is bound becomes ever shorter.

At creation he was in Paradise, with Job he was in heaven, but with his war in heaven his rope became shorter and he was confined to the earth. With his war against the Lamb at the battle of Armageddon his rope becomes still shorter, and he is shut up in the bottomless pit. As soon as he is loosed for a short time after the thousand years, he transgresses further and is then judged and sentenced in righteousness.

> **Isaiah 14:7-15** *The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing. Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us. Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee. How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.*

This prophecy of Isaiah concerns this thousand-year imprisonment of the Devil and not his final destination in Hell; that still comes.

C1.4) Thrones were given to those who followed the Lamb whithersoever He goeth, and they reigned with Him for the thousand years.

> **Revelation 20:4-6** *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*
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> **Isaiah 11:1-10** *And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.*
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> **Luke 19:15-19** *And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.*
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> **1 Corinthians 15:22-28** *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.*

C1.5) After the thousand years, the dragon is released from his prison.

> **Revelation 20:7** *And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,*

For a literal thousand years, during which the King of the universe reigned over the inhabitants of the earth, the Devil was imprisoned in isolation and had no idea what happened on the earth in the meantime. After the thousand years the seal of the door is broken, and the Devil is released upon the earth again.

C1.6) He then goes out to deceive the nations, Gog and Magog, and prepare them for the last war.

> **Revelation 20:8** *And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.*

After he has travelled through the earth and seen what has happened since he was imprisoned, he plans his dark strategy against the Kingdom of God on the earth. After the thousand years he has not changed at all, but is still a murderer of men and the father of lies.

He travels from nation to nation and convinces them that the King who rules over them is unjust, that He favours His own people, discriminates against them, and that it is His fault that they live hard lives, and so on. They all believe him and agree to make war against the Lamb who rules from Jerusalem.

This is the last of three wars, and we must look carefully at which one is which, so that we do not think there is only one war.

1. The first is the war that took place in heaven after the Messiah rose from the dead and ascended to God and His throne. The Devil and his angels made war against Michael and his angels, could not prevail, and fell from heaven like lightning.

2. The second is the war between the inhabitants of the earth and the Lamb who came upon the clouds: Armageddon. This war takes place after the Second Coming, but before the reign of the King; the inhabitants of the earth could not prevail and accepted His authority.

3. The third is the war between the inhabitants of the earth who were deceived by the Devil after he came out of his thousand-year imprisonment: Gog and Magog.

C1.7) Fire from God came down from heaven and destroyed them all.

> **Revelation 20:9** *And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.*

Although the prophecy in Revelation deals with the battle between Gog and Magog and the King in Jerusalem in one sentence, there are two chapters in Ezekiel that describe this war.

> **Ezekiel 38:1-2** *And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him,*

We must remember that this war lies more than a thousand years in the future, but the war of Armageddon will happen soon, just after the return of the King.

C1.8) The dragon was cast into the lake of fire.

> **Revelation 20:10** *And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*

After being held captive in seclusion for a thousand years and then there was peace on earth, this is the final proof that he is the one who seduces the nations and causes the turmoil, because violence immediately erupted again when he appeared on the scene. He had exposed himself as the root of all evil and could no longer lie his way out of the charges. His works testified against him.

The Devil is then condemned and sentenced, and his punishment is an eternity in the lake of fire, where he and his associates will be tormented. Walt Disney created an image in which Hell is a place of torment for people and the Devil is the one who torments them, but Hell was made for him and his angels.

> **Matthew 25:41** *Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:*

The Devil and his angels have no chance of escaping condemnation, for there is no grace for them. Because the Devil deceived man into also having unbelief in God, our condemnation is the same as that of the Devil and his angels: an eternity in Hell. Because God, however, feels differently about man than He does about the angels, He has by grace and in righteousness made for them a way of escape from this condemnation to the place of terror.

This grace of God is, however, proclaimed on the earth by the god of this world, and because he hates God's children, he proclaims lies to us about the Way to salvation. Most of us are still condemned by God because we did not by faith follow the Way of grace in righteousness.

> **Luke 13:23-24** *Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.*

C1.9) The final White Throne judgment.

> **Revelation 20:11-15** *And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

This is the day of reckoning at the end of the thousand years: the final judgment. When someone tells us today that we must prepare ourselves to meet our Creator, he is speaking of this day. No one will be acquitted on this day except those whose names stand written in the book of life.

Our question must then naturally be: What must I do to have my name written in the book of life? It is bad advice to ask the world and the churches of the world, because they are under the administration of the beast in Vatican City, and the beast is under the direct authority of the dragon.

> **Isaiah 55:6-9** *Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

C2) The New Heaven and the New Earth

C2.1) The new heaven and the new earth replaced the first heaven and earth.

> **Revelation 21:1-3** *And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.*

This prophecy is beyond our natural thoughts, and from it we must conclude that everything as we know and understand it has nothing to do with the New Jerusalem. The first thing John sees is a new heaven and a new earth. Where are the old heaven and the old earth? They have passed away; they are no longer there, and even the sea is gone.

The second thing John sees is the holy city, the New Jerusalem. In our thoughts we see the New Jerusalem descending out of heaven, but remember that the heaven as we know it has passed away and that this city descends out of a new heaven, but not to the earth, because it too has passed away. This city does not come to this earth, but to the new earth. Where is this earth and where is this heaven? We do not know. Where are the old earth and the old heaven? We do not know.

The good news is that the people are still there, although the earth is gone. The best news is that God is going to dwell with them upon the new earth. He will be a God to them, and they will be a people to Him. Notice that they will be a people to Him and not a bride.

C2.2) God wipes away all tears and death is no more; neither shall there be sorrow, crying, or heartache any more.

> **Revelation 21:4** *And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

We cannot imagine a life without trouble, weeping, sorrow, heartache, and death, but this is how God’s Kingdoms are and how the Kingdom of this earth was before there was sin.

God does not create a Kingdom with sorrow, trouble, tears, and weeping, not even with death; all of it was caused by Adam, who did not believe in God. He Himself taught us to pray.

> **Matthew 6:9-10** *After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*

Our Father who is in heaven, let Your name be sanctified by the coming of Your Kingdom, that Your will may be done on earth as it is done in heaven.

God's will is a Kingdom without trouble, sorrow, tears, envy, selfishness, suspicion, and so forth. That Kingdom of His is on its way and will come; some of us will be part of this wonderful Kingdom, and some will be lost. The choice is still ours.

C2.3) He who sits upon the throne makes all things new.

> **Revelation 21:5** *And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.*

More good news is that we do not have to help. We do not have to do our part; He makes all things new. Some people deny it, but these words are true and faithful. Some people say that there is no God, but He makes all things new, and their confession has absolutely no influence upon Him. All the unbelievers will wonder what happened, but then it is too late and they will have no part in it; their part is an eternity of pain and self-reproach.

C2.4) And He said: It is done! I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

> **Revelation 21:6-8** *And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

In the beginning God made the heaven and the earth. It was not the beginning of everything and especially not the beginning of God; it was only the beginning of our heaven and earth. Six thousand years ago God created our heaven and earth and placed us as people upon the earth to rule over it. Adam was the king, and together with his descendants they were to rule over the earth in righteousness and enjoy the creation of God.

As we know, it suffered shipwreck very early, and the earth was cursed by God for the sake of Adam and his descendants. Now our generation are the people who live at the end of the six-thousand-year period, and then follows the thousand-year period of His reign, through which He restores the cursed earth.

> **1 Corinthians 15:22-28** *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.*

God is the beginning of our creation, and although it did not proceed according to His will, He is still the end of everything and restores what is wrong. In His almighty counsel He restores what His king, Adam, caused to go wrong.

> **Psalm 138:8** *The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.*

C3) The Bride and the New Jerusalem

C3.1) The bride, the Lamb's wife.

> **Revelation 21:9** *And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.*

The Devil has been extremely successful in deceiving us concerning the bride of the Lamb. All “Christians” expect the church to be the bride of the Lamb and that, when He comes upon the clouds, He will marry the church. The only evidence for this theology is the parable of the ten virgins. The parable of the ten virgins is first of all a parable of reality and not reality itself. Just as the Lamb is not a Sower who sows seed, He is not a Bridegroom who is going to marry the church. Just as the narrative of the sower is a parable, the narrative of the wedding is also a parable.

From all three narratives that we have now seen here in Revelation, it is revealing that He comes as a King who wages war against the kingdoms of this world and not as a Bridegroom who comes to marry the church. In fact, the church is never mentioned in the revelations except as the beast that rises out of the sea to deceive the nations.

The Lamb does, however, have a bride, but this bride appears on the scene only a thousand years after His Second Coming. By the time the bride appears, the old earth and the old heaven have already disappeared and have been replaced by the new earth and the new heaven. Do we, however, know who the bride of the Lamb is?

C3.2) The great city, the holy Jerusalem, descends out of heaven from God.

> **Revelation 21:10-11** *And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;*

The bride of the Lamb is not the church, but the great city, the holy Jerusalem, which descends out of the heaven of God. Everything we thought we knew about the bride, we must forget and hear from God who the bride is. It is a city, but not a city like Pretoria or Cape Town. This city descends from the new heaven to the new earth, and we have no understanding of what it will be.

Abraham already expected this city out of heaven, and that was many years before Constantine invented the church. Abraham received the same promise from God as we did, so that we should not live for this temporary earth, but should be willing to make the sacrifices so that we can be part of the eternal New Jerusalem.

> **Hebrews 11:8-10** *By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*

C3.3) The twelve gates in the city wall bear the names of the twelve tribes of Israel.

> **Revelation 21:12-13** *And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.*

Around the city there is a square wall, and on each side there were three gates. A gate is the only access to a city, and therefore the wall has gates. The wall around the city is there to prevent unauthorised access. Each gate has a name, and the name of the righteous who may enter through that gate is written upon the gate. The names of the twelve tribes of Israel were written upon the gates, because they have access to the city, the bride.

C3.4) The twelve foundations of the wall bear the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

> **Revelation 21:14** *And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.*

The wall around the city is built upon the foundation of the twelve apostles. They are the ones who proclaimed the gospel of the Kingdom of God, and therefore the gospel of the Kingdom of God is the foundation of the wall that surrounds the city.

C3.5) The city was one thousand five hundred miles broad, wide, and high.

> **Revelation 21:16** *And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.*

⚠ Concluding Reflection: Beware of Deception

Many years ago, I met an older gentleman who sold all his possessions and moved to America because his church had used the dimensions of the New Jerusalem to calculate where the city would fit upon the present earth. They concluded that it would be somewhere in a desert in the United States. In his old age he moved there because he wanted to take part in the event, but he had been deceived.

Deceived means that he was led, but that the person or organisation led him wrongly. They said that they were leading him to the New Jerusalem that descends out of heaven, but although he followed them, he did not arrive where they had promised.

> **Proverbs 14:12** *There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*

This Way to the Kingdom of God has many leaders who proclaim to many people that they know the Way to reach the Kingdom, but they all differ from one another. If there is only one Way and they all differ from one another, it is therefore impossible that they can all be right. At most only one can be right, and therefore all the others are deceivers. They lead people toward a specific place, but the people who follow them do not arrive at that destination, but at another place.

Imagine that you research the Greek islands, book a tour there, pay the amount, and then trust the tour guide to get you there, but you end up in the middle of the Sahara Desert without food and water. You have been deceived.

What should this old man have done to prevent himself from being deceived? He should have gone to see for himself what the Bible says. In his old age he took the trouble to sell all his possessions, leave his country, and move to a foreign land because a man had deceived him. He should have taken the trouble to examine the Word of God, not to trust people, and to be suspicious of all statements made by people.

What he would have seen is that the city out of heaven would come only a thousand years after the Second Coming and not before the Second Coming, as the deceivers had taught him. He would also have seen that the New Jerusalem descends from heaven upon the new earth, where in any case there is no longer any sea. Using the present world map is therefore pointless.

Someone has said something about an Antichrist who will rule upon the earth for three and a half years after the Rider upon the white horse has come to fetch His servants in a secret rapture in order to protect them from the Antichrist. Is this the truth, or is it also a rumour that sends people into a frenzy and makes them run about without it being the truth?

Each of us must go and see for ourselves whether we have perhaps been deceived. Turn through the pages of the Bible and look for the Antichrist. The Antichrist is not someone who is going to rule the world as a tyrant. There have already been many such tyrants, but the Antichrist is someone who proclaims a false gospel; he is the Christ that we have in our heart and mind, but who differs from the true Christ. The Antichrist is an alternative to the true Christ.

> **1 John 2:18-23** *Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father:*

> **Matthew 24:23-24** *Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.*

- **Revelation 2:7** *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.*
- **Revelation 2:11** *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.*
- **Revelation 2:17** *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.*
- **Revelation 2:29** *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*
- **Revelation 3:6** *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*
- **Revelation 3:13** *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*
- **Revelation 3:22** *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*

🔗 Parallel Table of the Three Witnesses – Summarised

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Theme	📜 Witness A: Seals and trumpets	🐉 Witness B: Woman, dragon and bowls	👑 Witness C: Christ's victory
🐎 Second Coming	🐎 A1.6 — The people flee from the Lamb on the throne (Rev. 6:12–17).	🐎 B4.1 — The Lamb stands on Sion with the sealed ones (Rev. 14:1).	🐎 C1.1 — The King comes on the white horse (Rev. 19:11–16).
🌓 Protection	🌓 A1.7 — God's servants are sealed before the trumpets.	🌓 B4.1 — The Lamb and the 144 000 stand together on Sion.	🌓 C1.4 — The faithful reign with Christ.
💧 First judgment	💧 A2.1 — Hail and fire strike the earth (Rev. 8:7).	💧 B5.1 — Evil sores strike those with the mark (Rev. 16:2).	💧 Christ begins His judgment over the rebellious world.
🌊 Second judgment	🌊 A2.2 — The sea is struck; life and ships perish.	🌊 B5.2 — The sea becomes like blood and living creatures die.	🌊 The judgment moves from land to sea.
🩸 Third judgment	🩸 A2.3 — Rivers and fountains become bitter.	🩸 B5.3 — Rivers and fountains become blood.	🩸 Drinking water becomes part of the worldwide judgment.
☀️ Fourth judgment	☀️ A2.4 — Sun, moon, and stars are partially darkened.	☀️ B5.4 — The sun scorches the people with great heat.	☀️ The heavens become an instrument of judgment.
🌋 Fifth judgment	🌋 A2.5 — Beings from the bottomless pit torment the people.	🌋 B5.5 — The beast's kingdom is darkened; people gnaw their tongues for pain.	🌋 The rebellious kingdom is struck directly.
⚔️ Sixth judgment	⚔️ A2.6 — War at the Euphrates.	⚔️ B5.6 — The nations are gathered for Armageddon.	⚔️ C1.2 — The beast and earthly armies wage war against the Rider.
👑 Seventh judgment	👑 A2.7 — The world's kingdoms become the Lamb's.	👑 B5.7 — “It is done!”; the plagues reach their end point.	👑 C1.4 — Christ and His followers reign for a thousand years.
⚖️ Final judgment	⚖️ The seals and trumpets lead to final reckoning.	⚖️ The dragon, beast, and false prophet are condemned.	⚖️ C1.9 — The Great White Throne judgment (Rev. 20:11–15).
🌍 Renewal	🌍 The judgments prepare the end of the old order.	🌍 After the final battle the old order is ended.	🌍 C2 — New heaven and new earth (Rev. 21:1–6).
💍 Bride	💍 The first witness does not develop this concluding image.	💍 B5.8 — The marriage of the Lamb is announced.	💍 C3 — The bride is shown as the New Jerusalem.

Insert: Parallels between the Three Witnesses of Revelation

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Colour connection	A — The Book of the Seven Seals	B — The Woman and the Dragon	C — Victory of Christ
🐎 White horse and the coming of the King	**A1.1)** The white horse – **6:1** **A1.6)** The people on the earth flee from the Lamb who sits on His throne **6:12**	—	**C1.1)** The King comes to the earth with His white horse and His armies in heaven followed Him. **19:11**
🛡️ Servants of God and the Lamb	**A1.7)** The servants of God who are on the earth are first sealed before the angels sound the trumpets	**B4.1)** The Lamb stands on the mountain with the hundred and forty-four thousand. **14:1**	—
7️⃣ Seven angels and the last judgments	**A1.8)** Seven angels sound seven trumpets **8:1**	**B4.2)** Seven angels with the seven bowls that are poured out upon the earth as the last plagues. **16:1**	—
🔥 First judgment	**A2.1)** First trumpet – Hail and fire destroy a third of the trees and green grass **8:7**	**B5.1)** The first bowl – Noisome and grievous sores came upon the people. **16:2**	—
🌊 Second judgment	**A2.2)** Second trumpet – A burning mountain is cast into the sea and a third of the sea became blood. **8:8**	**B5.2)** The second bowl – The sea became as blood and the living creatures died. **16:3**	—
💧 Third judgment	**A2.3)** Third trumpet – A burning star falls upon the rivers and fountains and a third of the water became bitter. **8:10**	**B5.3)** The third bowl – The rivers and fountains became as blood. **16:4**	—
☀️ Fourth judgment	**A2.4)** Fourth trumpet – A third of the sun, moon, and stars is struck and a third of the day will no longer give its light. **8:12**	**B5.4)** The fourth bowl – The sun scorched the people with great heat. **16:8**	—
🦗 Fifth judgment	**A2.5)** Fifth trumpet – A star that has fallen from heaven receives the key of the bottomless pit, with which he then opens it, and locusts with power to torment the people for five months came out of it. **9:1**	**B5.5)** The fifth bowl was poured out upon the throne of the beast, his kingdom was darkened and they gnawed their tongues for pain. **16:10**	—
⚔️ Sixth judgment and the great war	**A2.6)** Sixth trumpet – The great war beyond the Euphrates. **9:13**	**B5.6)** The sixth angel poured out his bowl upon the Euphrates for the great war of Armageddon. **16:12**	**C1.2)** The beast and the armies of the earth gathered themselves together to make war against Him who sits upon the horse. **19:19**
👑 Seventh judgment, kingdom and completion	**A2.7)** Seventh trumpet – The kingdoms of the world became the possession of the Lamb. **11:15**	**B5.7)** The seventh angel poured out his bowl and a voice from heaven cried out, saying: It is done! **16:17**	**C1.4)** Thrones were given to those who followed the Lamb whithersoever He goeth, and they reigned with Him for the thousand years. **20:4** **C2.4)** And He said: It is done! I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. **21:6**
🐉 The dragon's war and end	—	**B1.2)** A great fiery-red dragon swept a third of the stars of heaven along with his tail. **12:3** **B1.5)** The dragon then made war in heaven, but could not prevail. **12:7**	**C1.5)** After the thousand years the dragon is released from his prison. **20:7** **C1.8)** The dragon was cast into the lake of fire. **20:10**
💍 The marriage, bride and New Jerusalem	—	**B5.8)** The marriage of the Lamb; His wife made herself ready. **19:7**	**C3.1)** The bride, the wife of the Lamb. **21:9** **C3.2)** The great city, the holy Jerusalem which descends from God out of heaven. **21:10** **C3.3–C3.5)** The gates, foundations, and dimensions of the city. **21:12–16**