

## **A BRIEF CHRONOLOGY OF LAST THINGS** FROM A DISPENSATIONAL APPROACH

1. The **Church Age**. (Rev. 2:1-3:22; Isa. 28:11; Acts 2:1-12; cf. 1 Cor. 14:20-22; Matt. 16:18; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9, 10; Gal. 3:26-29; Eph. 1:22, 23; 3:1-11; 5:32)
2. The **Regathering of Israel** [national restoration]. (Ezek. 20:33-38; 36:23-24; Ezek. 37:1-14; Rom. 11:25-27; cf. the *“parable of the fig tree”* - Matt. 24:32-34)
3. The **Rapture** of the Church. (Rev. 4:1, 2; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 1:7, 8; 15:51, 52; Titus 2:13; John 14:1-3; Rev. 3:10; 21:10ff; 22:14-17)
4. The **Church in Heaven**:
  - a. The *“judgement seat”* of Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 3:12-15; 4:1-5; 9:24-27; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:10)
  - b. After the Rapture and during the seven years of tribulation on the earth. (Rev. 4:1-5:10)
  - c. Being prepared as the **Bride of Christ**, *“the bride, the wife of the Lamb.”* (2 Cor. 11:2; Rev. 19:9; 22:17)
5. The **seven year** future time period known as the *“tribulation.”* (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:9-29; Mk. 13:9-23; Rev. 6:1-11:14; 12:1-14:13; Rev. 15:5-16:12; Rev. 17:1-18:24; cf. Ezek. 38:1-39:6)
  - a. **Antichrist**, the *“beast...out of the sea,”* and the **False Prophet**, the *“beast... out of the earth,”* revealed. (2 Thess. 2:3-11; Rev. 13:1-13)
  - b. The *“seven seals”* of the book of judgment. (Rev. 6:1-17; 8:1-5)
  - c. The **144,000 Israelite** evangelists are saved and sealed. (Rev. 7:1-8)
  - d. The *“seven trumpets”* of judgment. (Rev. 8:7-11:19)
  - e. The *“two witnesses,”* probably Moses and Elijah, prophesy. (Rev. 11:3-12)
  - f. The *“abomination of desolation”* standing in the holy place. (Dan. 9:27; 11:31; Matt. 24:15-20; Mk. 13:14; Rev. 13:14-18)
  - g. The *“mark...of the beast,”* the name or the number of the beast, 666, is caused to be given to all men. (Rev. 13:16-18)
  - h. Then there will be a *“great tribulation,”* the last three and a half years of the *“tribulation.”* (Matt. 24:21-29; Dan. 12:1; Rev. 7:14)
  - i. The *“seven golden bowls”* of judgement. (Rev. 15:1-16:21)
  - j. *“Mystery Babylon the Great.”* (Rev. 17:1-18:24)
6. The **Battle of Armageddon** begins:
  - a. The whole world is **gathered together** for war against Jerusalem. (Ezek. 38:1-8; Zech. 12:3; Rev. 16:13-16; Zech. 14:2; Joel 3:9-17)
  - b. **Antichrist’s last stand**. (Daniel 7:21, 25; 11:36-45; cf. Ezek. 38:9-17, together with the King of the North, Gog)

7. The **Second Advent** of the Lord Jesus Christ:
  - a. He is **“coming with the clouds of heaven.”** (Daniel 7:13a; Matt. 16:27; 24:29-31; Rev. 1:7, 8; 14:14; cf. Col. 3:4)
  - b. He meets the 144,000 Evangelists on **“Mount Zion.”** (Rev. 14:1-5; Psa. 110:1; **“Mount of Olives,”** Zech. 14:4-5; Heb. 1:13; 10:12, 13)
  - c. He comes to **judge and make war.** (Isa. 66:14-16; Ezek. 38:18-20; Zech. 12:4, 9; 14:3; Rev. 19:11-14)
  - d. **“Three angelic messengers”** preach the **“everlasting gospel.”** (Rev. 14:6-13)
  - e. Jesus Christ is **victorious over the Beast** (Antichrist) and his armies. (Dan. 9:27d; Rev. 19:15-21; 2 Thess. 2:8, 9; cf. Isa. 11:4c, d; Ezek. 38:21-39:6)
  
8. The mobile **Courtroom of the Ancient of Days** is set up as part of the second advent of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Daniel 7:9, 10, 22a; Rev. 3:21; 4:4, 10; 5:10; 11:16; 20:4; Matt. 19:28; Lk. 22:30)
  
9. The **Tribulation Martyrs** in Heaven. (Rev. 7:9-17; 15:1-4)
  
10. The **Antichrist, “the beast out of the sea,”** and the **false prophet** are **judged and sentenced.** (Dan. 7:26, 11; Rev. 19:20; 20:10)
  
11. **Satan is bound** in the abyss for a thousand years. (Rev. 20:1-3)
  
12. **Judgement** is passed **in favor of the saints.** (Dan. 7:22b; 12:1; Ezek. 20:41-44; Matt. 16:27; Rev. 20:4a)
  
13. The **Judgement of the nations.** (Dan. 7:12; Matt. 16:27; 25:32, 33; 1 Cor. 6:2, 3; Rev. 11:18, 19; Rev. 14:14-20; 16:16-21; 19:15, 21; cf. Ezek. 39:7-21)
  
14. The **Presentation of the Lord Jesus Christ, “the Son of Man,”** to **“the Ancient of Days,”** God the Father. (Daniel 7:13, 14; Ezek. 39:22-29; Rev. 11:15; 12:10)
  
15. The **Presentation of the Kingdom** to the Lord Jesus Christ by **“the Ancient of Days.”** (Daniel 7:14; Rev. 5:11-14; cf. Phil. 2:9-11)
  
16. The **Saints** of the Highest One **receive the Kingdom** and **reign with Jesus Christ** in resurrection bodies on the earth for 1000 years. (Daniel 7:18, 22c, 27; Matt. 25:34)
  - a. Church Age Saints (Rev. 1:6; 2:25-27; 20:4a, 6)
  - b. Old Testament Saints (Dan. 7:22c; 12:2, 12, 13; Rev. 11:18b; Ezek. 20:15-28; Ezek. 20:37, 40)
  - c. Tribulation Martyrs (Dan. 7:22c; 12:2, 12; Rev. 11:18b; 20:4b, 6; Ezek. 20:40)
  
17. The **Millennial Kingdom begins** on earth. (Rev. 11:15-17; Ezek. 40:1-48:35; Zech. 14:9-11; Dan. 12:3; cf. **“a new covenant”** Jer. 31:31; Isa. 59:20, 21; Rom. 11:26, 27; Heb. 8:8-13)

18. Satan is **released from prison** for a short time. (Rev. 20:3b, 7, 8a)
19. Satan **deceives the nations** again and **gathers them for the war** of “*Gog and Magog.*” (Rev. 20:8b, 9a; **NOTE:** This is not the same as the Battle of Armageddon, see pt.#7)
20. God’s Judgement upon **the last human revolt.** “*...and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.*” (Rev. 20:9b)
21. **Satan**, the Devil, was “*cast into the lake of fire.*” (Rev. 20:10)
22. The **Great White Throne** judgement follows. (Rev. 20:11-15)
  - a. The “*books of works*” (Rev. 20:12)
  - b. The “*book of life*” (Rev. 20:12; 21:27)
  - c. The second death is “*the lake of fire.*” (Rev. 20:14, 15)
23. The **new heavens**, the **new earth**, the **new Jerusalem**, and the **eternal state** are described last. (Rev. 21:1-22:5; 2 Pet. 3:10-13; cf. Isa. 65:17, 18; 66:22)