## Cover to Cover—NT

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#### **Topics**

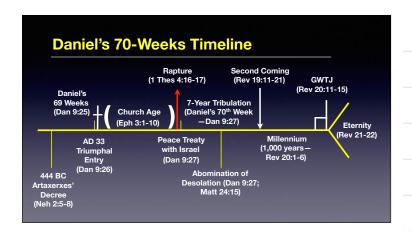
- · Week 1—Geography & Gospels
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- · Week 3—Rev & Wrap Up

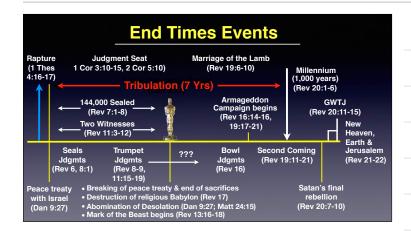
#### **Revelation: Watermark's Beliefs**

**SECTION 11: END TIMES** 

We believe in the personal, imminent coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for the Church. This event, commonly called the rapture, will be followed by great tribulation on earth and will culminate in the visible and bodily return of Jesus Christ to the earth, commonly called the Second Coming, to rule the nations and establish His millennial kingdom.

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Philippians 3:20; Matthew 24:15-31; Zechariah 14:4-11; Revelation 19:11-21, 20:1-6).







# Blessing (1:3) & Theme (1:7)

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Vision of Christ (1:13-16) & Key Verse (1:19)

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Letters to the 7 Churches (2 & 3)

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## **Revelation: Seven Churches** • Erring Ephesus (2:1-7) Compare and contrast their: • Suffering Smyrna (2:8-11) 1. Depiction of Christ • Permissive Pergamum (2:12-17) 2. Commendation • Tolerating Thyatira (2:18-29) 3. Rebuke · Sleepy Sardis (3:1-6) 4. Exhortation • Faithful Philadelphia (3:7-13) 5. Promise to those who conquer • Lukewarm Laodicea (3:14-22) What should the CHURCH be today? Patiently enduring in its love for Christ (Ephesus) • Faithful in suffering even unto death (Smyrna) • Spiritually discerning — not distracted by false teaching or tolerant of evil in its midst (Pergamum & Thyatira) Spiritually alive and walking with Christ—led by the Spirit that gives life (Sardis) · Holding fast to biblical teaching (Philadelphia) • Useful and in constant fellowship with Christ (Laodicea) The One Who Sits on the Throne (4) & the Lamb (5)

### 3 Series of 7 Judgments— Seals, Trumpets & Bowls (6-16)

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#### **Revelation: Judgments & Intervening Grace**

Pattern: Grace . . . then Judgment

- Prologue in heaven (4-5)
- 7 **Seal** judgments (6:1-17 & 8:1)
- 144,000 witnesses sealed (7:1-8) & worship in heaven (7:9-17)
- 7 **Trumpet** judgments (8:6–9:21 & 11:15-19)
- 2 witnesses sent (11:1-14) & worship, witness & warning (14:1-13)
- 7 **Bowl** judgments (15-16)

#### Seals (Rev 6) 1. Cold War The Judgments: Sequential 2. Open War 3. Famine Chronological Trumpets (Rev 8-9) 1. 1/3 of earth 4. Death (1/4 of earth) Intensifying 5. Martyrdom 2. 1/3 of sea 6. Disturbances 3.1/3 of rivers & waters Grace Interlude (Rev 7) **Bowls (Rev 16)** 4.1/3 of heavens 7. Silence in heaven & 1. Sores 5. Locust demons (no death) 7 Trumpets 2. Seas like blood 6. Death (1/3 of mankind) 3. Springs like blood Grace Interlude (Rev 11-14) 4. Scorching 7. Loud voices in heaven & 5. Darkness 7 Bowls 6. Euphrates dried up 7. Destruction ("It is done.")

# 7 Great Players in the End Times Drama (12-13)

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#### **Revelation: 7 Great Players (12-13)**

- Pregnant woman (12:1-2)
- · Red dragon (12:3)
- Male child who rules over all the nations (12:5)
- The Archangel Michael (12:7)
- The remnant (12:17)
- The beast (Antichrist) (13:1)
- False prophet (13:11)

#### **Revelation: What's Happening in Heaven**

Judgment Seat of Christ (1 Cor 3:10-15; 2 Cor 5:10; Rom 14:10-12; 1 Cor 4:5)

- For every believer in Christ
- On the basis of our works—worthy or worthless?
- Reward for work done with the right motivation
- Loss of reward = "suffer loss"
- Two pictures (graduation day; work evaluation)
- Two results (Rev 4:10, 19:8)

# Destruction of Religious & Political/Commercial Babylon (17-18)

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Armageddon Campaign & the Second Coming (16, 19)

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#### **Revelation: 8 Stages of Armageddon Campaign**

- · Assembling of allies of the Antichrist at the Valley of Jezreel
- · Destruction of Political/Commercial Babylon
- Fall of Jerusalem
- Attack on Bozrah (Petra of southern Jordan, where the Jews fled at midpoint of Trib)
- · National regeneration of Israel
- Second Coming
- Battle from Bozrah to Valley of Jehoshaphat (Kidron Valley in Jerusalem)
- Victory assent on the Mount of Olives

#### **Revelation: The Second Coming (19)**

- His aim—in righteousness He judges & makes war (19:11)
- His **appearance**—eyes, head, robe, name (19:12-13)
- His armies—arrayed in fine linen (19:14; cf. 19:8)
- His authority—His rule, wrath & name (19:15-16)
- His achievement—total victory (19:17-21)

#### Valley of Megiddo Video



Millennium, Satan's Final Rebellion & the GWTJ (20)

#### Revelation: GWTJ (20:11-15)

- The Judge Jesus Christ (John 5:22)
- The Judged "the dead, great and small" (Rev 20:12).
   These are the "rest of the dead [who] did not come to life until the thousand years were ended," mentioned in Rev 20:5)
- The Judicial Standard "what was written in the books, according to what they had done" (Rev 20:12)
- The Judgment "the second death, the lake of fire" (Rev 20:14, 15)

# Eternity—New Heaven, Earth & Jerusalem (21-22)

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#### **Revelation: Eternity (21-22)**

#### 5 things it does not have:

- A temple
- A sun or moon
- Shut gates
- Night
- Sin or sinners

#### 5 things it does have:

- · River of the water of life
- Tree of life
- · Throne of God and the Lamb
- The Lamb
- Worship

Genesis	Revelation
Heavens & earth created (1:1)	New heavens & earth created (21:1)
Sun & moon created (1:16)	No need of the sun or moon (21:23)
Night established (1:5)	• No night there (21:25, 22:5)
Seas created (1:10)	• No more sea (21:1)
• Satan appears to deceive man (3:1)	Satan disappears forever (20:10)
Walk with God interrupted     (3:8-10)	Walk with God resumed (21:3)
• Initial triumph of the serpent (3:13)	Ultimate triumph of the Lamb (22:3)

Genesis	Revelation
Curse announced (3:14-17)	No more curse (22:3)
Death enters history (3:19)	No more death (21:4)
Man's dominion broken in the fall of first man, Adam (3:19)	Man's dominion restored in the rule of Christ (22:5)
Man driven from the tree of life (3:24)	Man given right to the tree of life (22:14)
Sorrow & pain begin (3:17)	No more sorrow & pain (21:4)
Man driven from God's presence (3:24)	• God dwells with men & they see His face (21:3, 22:4)

#### Revelation—10 Points

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