

A PROPOSED CHRONOLOGY OF THE TRIBULATION—Part 7

- I. The opening of the 1st seal.
- II. The two witnesses begin their ministry.
- III. The opening of the 2nd seal.
- IV. War... The Battle of Gog and Magog.
- V. The building of the 3rd Temple, the Tribulation Temple.
- VI. The opening of the 3rd seal
- VII. The opening of the 4th seal

VIII. The opening of the 5th seal.

The souls of believers that are martyred during the 1st half of the tribulation are seen in heaven.

Revelation 6:9-11

IX. The opening of the 6th seal.

Cosmic and earthly events.

Revelation 6:12-17

X. The 144,000 young Jewish men (servants of God) are sealed.

Revelation 7:1-8; Revelation 14:1-5

XI. The opening of the 7th seal.

- 30 minutes of silence in Heaven.

John Walvoord says “Though thirty minutes is not ordinarily considered a long time, in this case it indicates that something tremendous is about to take place. It may be compared to the silence before the foreman of a jury reports a verdict; for a moment there is perfect silence and everyone awaits that which will follow.”

The stunned silence in heaven may result from the anticipation that the worst is yet to come.

- The first 3½ years have ended and as this 7th seal is opened there are many things that will start taking place.

A. The death and resurrection of the Antichrist, probably right before the midpoint of the tribulation.

Revelation 13:3

³ 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.

Revelation 17:8

⁸The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold **the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.**

B. War in heaven, Satan and his evil angels are cast from heaven to the earth.

Revelation 12:7-10

- 1st heaven=the sky, the firmament; 2nd heaven=outer space, where the stars are; 3rd heaven=the abode of God.
- It's at this point that Satan takes full control of (probably indwells) the Antichrist.
- It's also likely at this point that the false prophet comes on the scene.

Revelation 13:11-12

*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.*

*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.***

C. The Antichrist and his kingdom eliminates the apostate church.

Revelation 17:16

¹⁶ And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

D. The Antichrist kills the two witnesses.

Revelation 11:7

*⁷ And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit **shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.***

E. The Antichrist enters the Holy of Holies and performs the abomination of desolation and sets up his image.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

*³ Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and **that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;***

*⁴ **Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.***

Revelation 13:14-15

¹⁴ *And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, **that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.***

¹⁵ *And he had power to **give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.***

F. Some of the Jews flee Jerusalem.

Matthew 24:15-20

¹⁵ *When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)*

¹⁶ *Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:*

¹⁷ *Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house:*

¹⁸ *Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.*

¹⁹ *And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!*

²⁰ *But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:*

Revelation 12:14, 17

¹⁴ *And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. ...*

¹⁷ *And the dragon was wroth with the woman, **and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.***

G. The mark of the beast.

Questions about the mark of the beast and the number 666...

1. What is the mark of the beast?

a. The word "mark" in Greek (*charagma*) means "a mark or stamp, engraved, etched, branded, cut, imprinted."

Henry Morris quote, "The mark is something like an etching or a tattoo which, once inscribed, cannot be removed, providing a permanent (possibly eternal) identification as a follower of the beast and the dragon."

2. What's the significance of 666?

Revelation 13:17-18

¹⁷ 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.**

¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and **his number is six hundred threescore and six.**

a. The number reveals his identity as the Antichrist. GEMATRIA, a numbering system of the Hebrew alphabet which has 22 characters in which each character is given a numerical value thus giving a person's name a numerical value.

3. Why 666?

a. Satan, the Antichrist, and the False Prophet form an unholy trinity, which is a counterfeit of the Holy Trinity.

4. What is the purpose of the mark?

a. Those who receive the mark will receive an economic benefit.

Revelation 13:17

¹⁷ ***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.***

b. The key issue underlying the mark of the beast is "worship of the image of the beast."

Revelation 13:15

¹⁵ ***And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.***

c. The mark will serve as a visible indicator of a person's devotion to the Antichrist.

Revelation 13:16

¹⁶ ***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:***

People who receive it will make a deliberate choice to do so. God brings judgment on them because of their devotion to the Antichrist and not because of the economic benefit. It is the worship of the beast that brings God's wrath.

Revelation 14:9-11

⁹ ***And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,***

¹⁰ ***The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:***

¹¹ ***And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.***

- God is the only one worthy of worship.

Revelation 15:4

⁴ ***Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.***

d. Those who refuse to take the mark will be killed.

Revelation 13:15

¹⁵ ***And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed***

Revelation 20:4

⁴ ***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.***

Yr.1	Yr.2	Yr.3	Yr.4 Midpoint	Yr.5	Yr.6	Yr.7	75 Days
	The 3 rd seal Black horse Famine						
	The 4 th seal pale horse Death						
		The 5 th seal Martyrdom					
		The 6 th seal Cosmic and earthly disturbances					
			The 7 th seal 30 minutes of silence in heaven, events that take place at the midpoint				

Example of Gematria numbering system

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 200 300 400
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V

$$\begin{array}{r}
D = 4 \\
A = 1 \\
L = 30 \\
E = 5 \\
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