

INTRODUCTION--OUTLINE

Thursday, June 8, 2023 6:28 PM

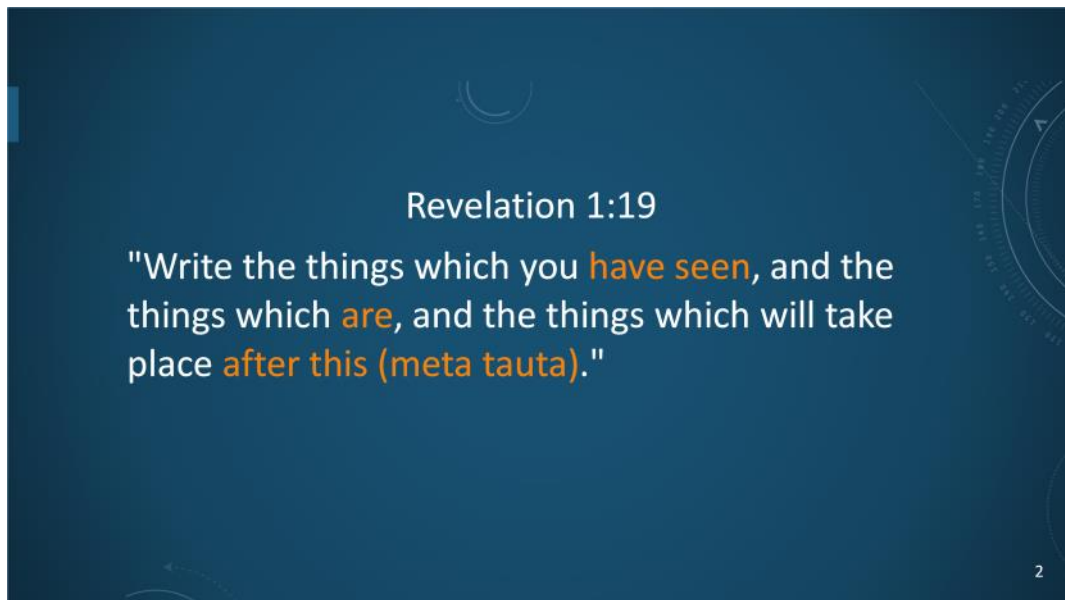
INTRODUCTION--OUTLINE REVELATION

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

- 1) capstone of biblical revelation
 - a. brings program redemption to closure
 - b. takes to edge of eternal state
- 2) over 800 quotations, allusions to OT scripture
 - a. if not familiar with OT prophecy, will have hard time understanding some parts of book
- 3) blessing promised
 - a. Rev. 1:3 --- "Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near."
 - b. strange that Revelation one of most neglected books in NT if not Bible
- 4) Greek of this book is the most crude Greek in the NT, more like the LXX than any other portion of the book
 - a. This is an intentional stylism. This book, both ink on pages and reality in fulfillment, connect Israel of the present and future with the Israel of the past.
- 5) Purpose in 1:1 --- to show things to come --- "to show His servants things which must shortly take place"
 - a. Revelation of Jesus Christ = 2nd coming of Jesus Christ
 - b. not a deeper revelation of the person (though that is true)
 - c. circumstances that precede, accompany, and follow the second coming of Jesus Christ
 - d. same spirit as the image dream given to Nebuchadnezzar but focused on the end of the age

STRUCTURE OF THE BOOK

1) SLIDE --- CLUE TO STRUCTURE OF REVELATION



- a. Rev 1:19 --- "Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this."
 - i. "things which you have seen" = just now in chapter 1
 - ii. "things which are" = church age in chapters 2-3
 - iii. "things which will take place after *these things*" (tauta, neuter plural) chapter 4 to the end
 - iv. "after these things" = meta tauta
 - v. 4:1 meta tauta, --- *after these things*, I looked, and behold, **a door standing open** in heaven.

And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

vi. rapture happens after church age

2) RABBIT TRAIL ON RAPTURE DOOR

- a. **open door in heaven** reminds me of Rev. 3:20
- b. Rev. 3:20 --- letter to Laodicea, Laodicea appears symbolic of final age of the church
"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."
- c. **hearing Lord's voice** reminds me of 2 Pet 1:19, "And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts."
- d. when time of rapture comes, the saints will sense the true morning star in their hearts, they will sense him knocking, they will answer and open the door, and BOOM!

3) SLIDE ---BASIC OUTLINE

BASIC OUTLINE

- 1 — the things you saw
- 2-3 — the things that are (Church age)
- 4-5 — the rapture, the raptured church in heaven
- 6-19 — the tribulation and the second coming
- 20 — thousand years, final rebellion, great white throne
- 21-22 — New Jerusalem, presence of Father

- a. 1 --- things you saw
- b. 2-3 --- things that are = church age
- c. 4-5 --- rapture and church in heaven
- d. 6-19 --- tribulation to second coming
- e. 20 --- thousand years, final rebellion, great white throne
- f. 21-22 NJ comes to new earth, presence of father, nations enjoy what resurrected enjoy

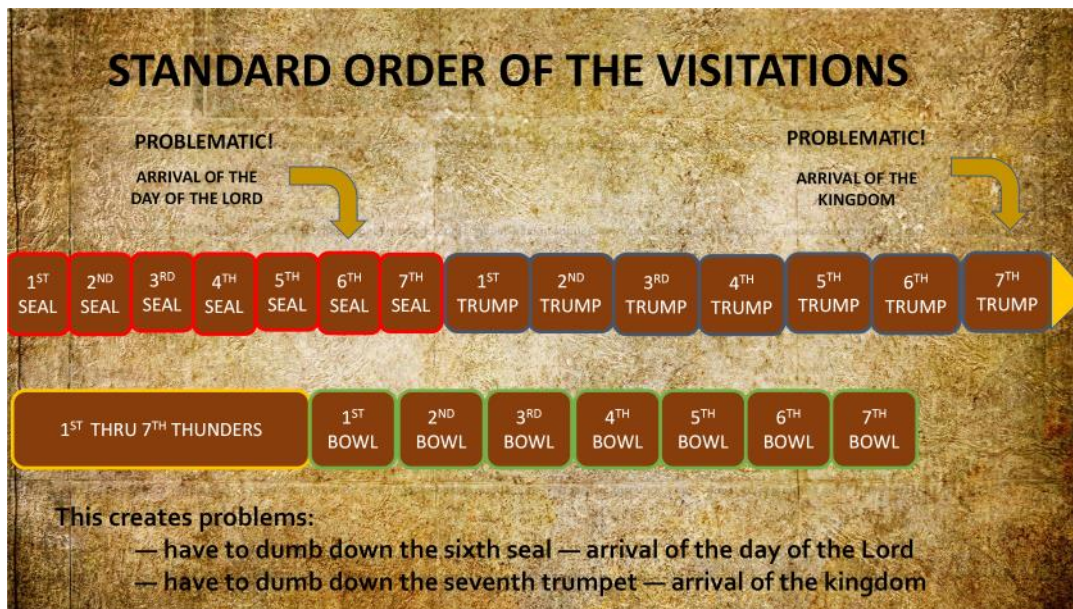
4) SLIDE --- STANDARD ORDER OF VISITATIONS

STANDARD ORDER OF THE VISITATIONS

PROBLEMATIC! ARRIVAL OF THE DAY OF THE LORD

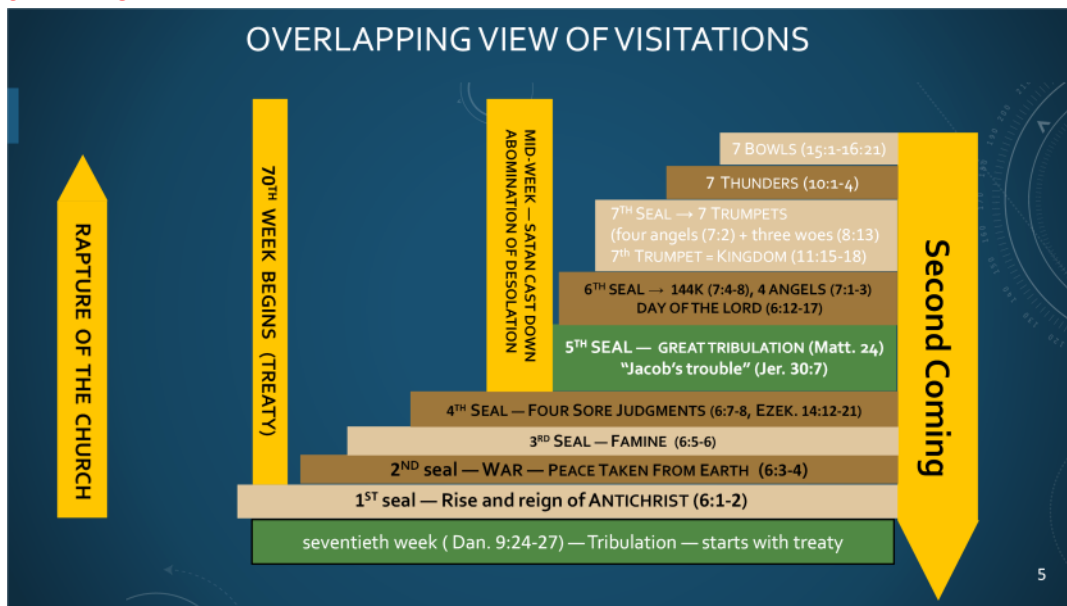
PROBLEMATIC! ARRIVAL OF THE KINGDOM

1 ST SEAL	2 ND SEAL	3 RD SEAL	4 TH SEAL	5 TH SEAL	6 TH SEAL	7 TH SEAL	1 ST TRUMP	2 ND TRUMP	3 RD TRUMP	4 TH TRUMP	5 TH TRUMP	6 TH TRUMP	7 TH TRUMP
1 ST THRU 7 TH THUNDERS							1 ST BOWL	2 ND BOWL	3 RD BOWL	4 TH BOWL	5 TH BOWL	6 TH BOWL	7 TH BOWL



- no overlap, end to end, back to back
- creates difficulties for 6th seal and 7th trumpet --- forced to dumb down

5) SLIDE --- OVERLAP VIEW



- point out details of CHART

6) SLIDE --- OBSERVATIONS ON OVERLAP VIEW OF VISITATIONS

OBSERVATIONS ON THE OVERLAP VIEW

- each SEAL extends to the second coming
- each SERIES ends at the second coming (6TH/7TH seal, 7TH trumpet, 7TH bowl)
- visitations stack up and overlap, deepening and strengthening like the waters of the flood

6

- a. each seal extends to second coming
- b. each series ends at second coming (6th/7th seals, 7th trumpet, 7th bowl)
- c. visitations stack up and overlap, deepening and strengthening like water of the flood

7) SLIDE --- KEY TO THIS ORDER IS RELATIVE LOCATION

KEY TO THIS ORDER

- two basic principles of chronology are **relative location** and **cross dating**
- **relative location** = whether event before, concurrent with, or after another event
- **cross dating** = establishing date of event by associating with event of known date
- **relative location** locates signs of DOL at 2ND coming

7

- a. 2 basic principles of chronology = relative location and cross dating
- b. relative location = whether event before, concurrent with, or after another event
- c. cross dating = establishing date of event by associating with event of known date
- d. relative location locates signs of DOL at 2nd coming

8) SLIDE --- RELATIVE LOCATION WITH SIGNS IN HEAVENS

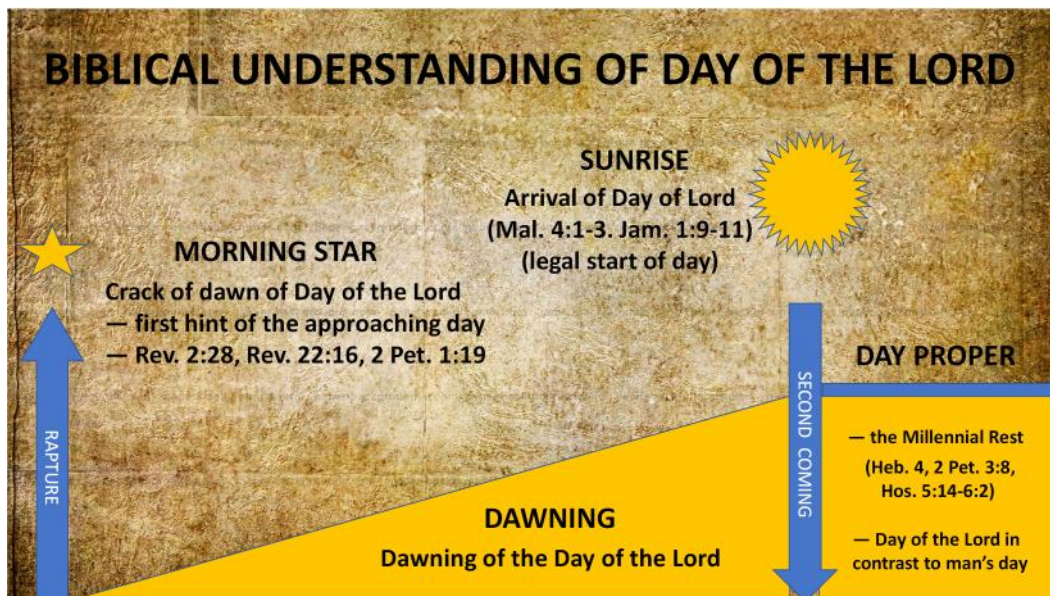
RELATIVE LOCATION WITH SIGNS IN HEAVENS

- signs = sun dark, moon blood red, stars fall, planets shaken
- signs **before** the day of the Lord (Acts 2:20)
- signs **immediately after** the great tribulation (Matt. 24:29)
- signs **when** nations gathered for Armageddon (Joel 3:9-16, Is. 34:2-4)
- signs happen **in presence of** descending army (Joel 2:2-11, Is. 13:3-13)
- signs happen **when** Satan and minions bound (Is. 24:21-23)
- forced to conclude DOL has particular reference to 2ND coming
- forced conclude that signs under 6th seal = arrival DOL at 2ND coming

8

- signs = sun darkened, moon blood red, stars fall, planets shaken
- examples of sign location
- forced conclude DOL has particular reference to 2nd coming
- forced to conclude signs under 6th seal = arrival DOL at 2nd coming
- requires illumination on the DOL

9) SLIDE --- BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING OF DOL



- morning star
- sunrise = second coming = DOL legal sense
- dawning of day = tribulation

10) FOCUS OF THE DAY OF THE LORD PASSAGES

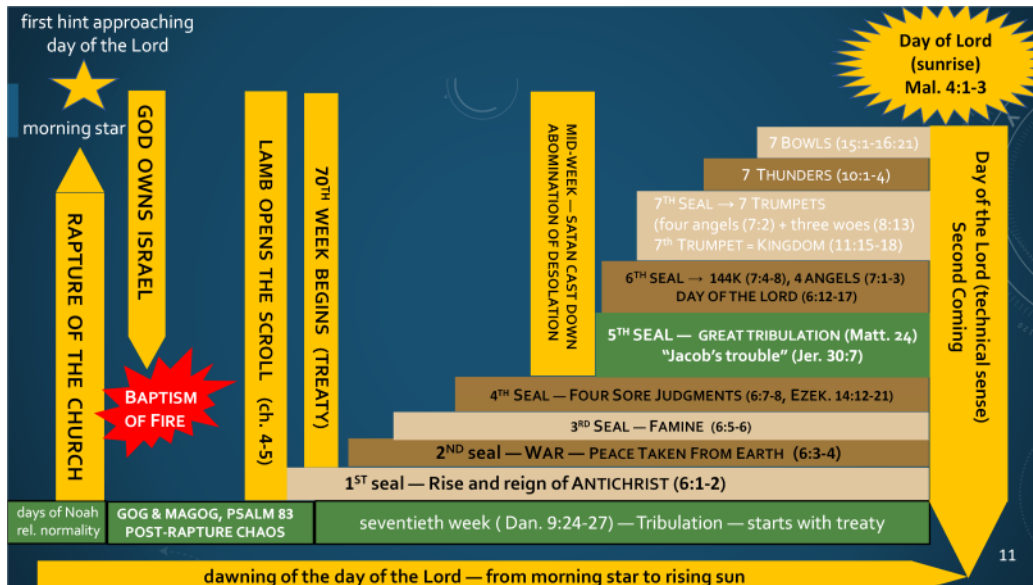
FOCUS OF DAY OF THE LORD PASSAGES

- ~ Some focus on the Lord coming for the church as the morning star, which event is the first clear warning of the approaching day
- ~ Some focus on the tribulation, that is on the events of the dawning of the day (2 Thess. 2:1-3)
- ~ Most common focus is the deliverance of Israel and the absolute judgment of the world at the second coming, which is the sunrise of the day
- ~ The millennium is the day of the Lord, the figurative thousand year day

10

- a. notice that the three basic senses of the start of the day all find illustration in the prophetic sense of the start of the day
 - i. the morning star is the rapture of the church
 - ii. the dawning of the day is the tribulation
 - iii. the sunrise is second coming of the Lord in glory
- b. the millennium is the day of the Lord, the promised Sabbath Rest of the kingdom

11) FULL CHART WITH ALL DETAILS



11

CHART EXPLAINED

- a. Yellow bar material
 - i. notice that the prophetic day of the Lord parallels the typical day with morning star, dawning, and sunrise
 - ii. notice that dawning of day stretches from rapture (morning star) to second coming (sunrise)
 - iii. notice that rapture (the morning star) associated with the days of Noah (Matt. 24:36-39) and relative normality
 - iv. notice that baptism of fire involves Israel's deliverance from Gog and Magog
 - v. Baptism of Fire (Matt. 3:11) and Baptism of Spirit (Joel 2)
 - vi. notice that God owns Israel at the time of Gog and Magog
 - vii. notice that the first seal opened in presence of church in heaven (Rev 4-5)
 - viii. notice that the seventieth week begins after the 1st seal is opened

- ix. notice that the great tribulation is opened by Satan cast down and abomination of desolation
- x. notice that the second coming is the arrival of the day of the Lord in the technical or legal sense
- b. Tan and brown bar material
 - i. notice that the visitations stack up and overlap --- seals, trumpets, thunders, bowls
 - ii. notice the presence of the often ignored thunders
 - iii. notice that first seal opened before seventieth week begins
 - iv. notice that each seal reaches all the way to the second coming
 - v. notice that each series reaches all the way to the second coming
- c. Green bar material
 - i. notice that rapture associated with the days of Noah (Matt. 24:36-39) and relative normality
 - ii. notice the window of post-rapture chaos, with Gog and Magog, Psalm 83
 - iii. the window of post-rapture chaos is between the rapture and the seventieth week
- d. verses for Rapture of the church: Rev. 3:10, Rev. 4:1, 1 Thess. 4:13-18, 2 Thess 2:1-3, John 14:1-3

12) CURIOUS VISITATION DETAILS

- a. 7th seal introduces 7 trumpets (8:1)
- b. 7 trumpets = four angels + three woes

13) 6TH SEAL (extended, complex)

- a. 6th seal --- contents 7 as well as last half 6
- b. 6:12-17 --- DOL, great day of his wrath, signs, angry Lamb visible in heavens
- c. 7:1-3 --- 4 angels who have been permitted to harm the earth (first four trumpet angels)
- d. 7:4-8 --- sealing of the 144K
- e. 7:9-17 --- the great multitude saved out of great tribulation
- f. DOTL, four angels, sealing 144K, great multitude
- g. chiasmus --- full judgment at last trumpet, early trumpet judgment, first fruits harvest, full harvest

14) 6TH TRUMPET (extended, complex)

- a. 9:13 sixth angel sounds
 - i. 9:14-19 --- four awful angels released to kill 1/3 mankind, 200 million demons on horses
 - ii. 9:20-21 --- rest of mankind still worshipping demons and idols (and AC), guilty of murder, witchcraft
 - iii. 10:1-4 --- introduces seven thunders
 - iv. 10:5-7 --- intro to seventh trumpet ---WHICH FINISHES THE MYSTERY OF GOD (mystery of the kingdom of heaven, mystery of allowing evil to sift mankind)
 - 10:10-11 --- little book and more prophesying
 - v. 11:1-6 ---- (parenthesis on temple and two witnesses BECAUSE they tie into the seventh trumpet coming up)
 - vi. 11:7-13 --- death and resurrection of two witnesses at tail end of sixth trumpet, just prior to seventh trumpet

15) 7th Trumpet --- 11:14-19 is seventh trumpet (arrival of kingdom)

16) PARENTHETICAL SECTIONS

- a. 11:1-6 --- elaborated on temple and two witnesses to tie the witnesses to their physical and temporal location
 - i. they die immediately prior to the seventh trumpet, which ends the mystery and brings in the kingdom
 - ii. this means they serve during the second half --- going volley for volley with the lying miracles of Satan
 - iii. the days of their death and resurrection is included in their testimony, it is the grand finale
 - iv. this parenthesis starts at midweek

- b. **12** --- parenthesis on the woman (Israel), manchild (head and body), war in heaven and dragon cast to earth, great tribulation
 - i. this parenthesis starts at midweek
- c. **13** --- rising of the beast to absolute dominance, war against saints 42 months,
 - 13** --- second beast, image, mark
 - i. this parenthesis pegged to midweek
- d. **14:1-5** --- Lamb and 144K at end of tribulation
- e. **14:6-13** --- angel preaching, fall of religious Babylon, great tribulation
 - pegged to midweek
- f. **14:14-20** --- two harvests
 - **14-16**, first uncertain, could be rapture, but other parentheses are midweek or 2nd coming, but perhaps the tribulation martyrs
 - **17-20** is armageddon

17) LAST PLAGUES

- a. 15:1-8 --- the seven bowls introduction
- b. 16:1-11 --- first five bowls
- c. 16:12-16 --- sixth bowl, Euphrates dried, demons go out to deceive gather for armageddon
- d. 16:17-21 --- seventh bowl --- mighty earthquake, massive hail, every island flees and mountains not found --- shakes whole globe
 - yet once more I shake heaven and earth (Heb. 12:26, Hagg. 2:6)
 - this means the whole earth shaking happens once, 6th seal, 7th bowl same event

18) parenthesis

- a. **Rev. 17** --- judgment of the woman who rides the beast (midweek)
 - beast who rises from the dead (just prior to midweek, reigns to end)
 - 10 kings who reign second half of week with AC, war against saints
 - parenthesis here because associated with political Babylon

19) Rev 18 --- second coming

- a. judgment of political and economic Babylon (end of 70th week)
- b. the Babylonian spirit and empire broken

20) Rev. 19 --- second coming

- a. 19:1-5 --- celebration in heaven
- b. 19:6-10 --- wedding celebration at 2nd coming (aspects of wedding already in heaven)
- c. 19:11-21 --- Armageddon and army of heaven

21) Rev 20 --- binding satan for 1000 years

- a. --- glorified saints reigning
- b. first and second resurrection
- c. satan released and defeated
- d. great white throne

22) Rev 21 --- New Jerusalem comes down from heaven

- a. presence of father as well as Son and Holy Spirit
- b. new heaven and earth not made here, only mentioned because the New Jerusalem can't come down to the old earth, can only come down to the new earth
- c. see my book The New Heavens and the New Earth
 - i. demonstrate that renovation not recreation
 - ii. demonstrate that at start of millennium not after
 - iii. explain meaning and context of mere mention of new heavens and earth in Rev. 21:1
 - iv. explain passages often used as proof texts for the earth and heavens ceasing to exist

v. several big names told me this book changed their views on the subject

23) Rev 22 ---

- a. 22:1-5 --- kingdom saints given eternal life blessings through the tree of life and river of life in New Jerusalem
- b. 22:6-21 --- blessings and cursings depending on how men respond to the gospel and to the prophetic word
- c. SCARY THOUGHT --- 22:19 if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.
 - i. not folks who use any Bible other than KJV
 - ii.