

Outline of Revelation

From *Book of Revelation Study Guide* by Mike Bickle

- Re. 1** **PART 1:** John's **CALLING** to prophesy about the end times: John gives specific truths about Jesus' majesty—truths that form the way he prophesies about the end times, and that are meant to equip us.
- Re. 2-3** **PART 2:** Jesus gives **SEVEN LETTERS** to seven churches: The instructions Jesus gives to these seven churches about overcoming sin gives us practical insight into what we too must overcome today.
- Re. 4-5** **PART 3:** Jesus takes the **SCROLL**: The scroll represents the title deed of the earth and Jesus' battle plan to cleanse the whole earth in preparation for His rule. Jesus' battle plan is seen in the events of Revelation 6-22.
- Re. 6-22** **PART 4:** Jesus' **BATTLE PLAN** is written in the scroll and includes the Great Tribulation judgments against the Babylon religion and the Antichrist's empire. In these chapters, Jesus reveals His main storyline of love to cleanse the earth of evil. His battle plan is described in **five chronological sections** describing the judgment events, each followed by an **angelic explanation**.

The five chronological sections tell us what happens to the Antichrist's followers in the twenty-one judgment events (seven seals, seven trumpets, and seven bowls), which intensify in severity as they unfold.

The five angelic explanations function as a parenthesis, putting the storyline "on pause." They answer questions arising from the chronological sections: Why is God's wrath so severe? What will happen to us? Angels explain to John what will happen to God's people, including what Jesus will do to help the saints and what the Antichrist will do to persecute them.

- Re. 6** *Chronological section #1:* The **SEAL JUDGMENTS** against the kingdom of darkness.
- Re. 7** *Angelic explanation #1:* The saints receive **PROTECTION** from judgments and from falling away from the truth.
- Rev. 8-9** *Chronological section #2:* The **TRUMPET JUDGMENTS** against the Antichrist's empire.

Re. 10-11:14 *Angelic explanation #2:* The saints receive **DIRECTION** by the great increase of prophetic ministry.

Re. 11:15-19 *Chronological section #3:* The **SECOND COMING PROCESSION** and the rapture of the Church.

The seventh and last trumpet (1Co. 15:52; 1Th. 4:16, Re. 10:7): Jesus will replace all governmental leaders on earth in a hostile takeover. He will lead a royal procession across the earth. He will first travel across the sky to rapture the saints (every eye will see Him, Re. 1:7), then through the land of Edom (modern-day Jordan; Isa. 63:1-6; Hab. 3:12) destroying His enemies, then to Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives (Zch. 14:2-5).

Re. 12-14 *Angelic explanation #3:* Antichrist's violent **CONFRONTATION** against the saints and all that is good in society requires that all his evil governments be replaced.

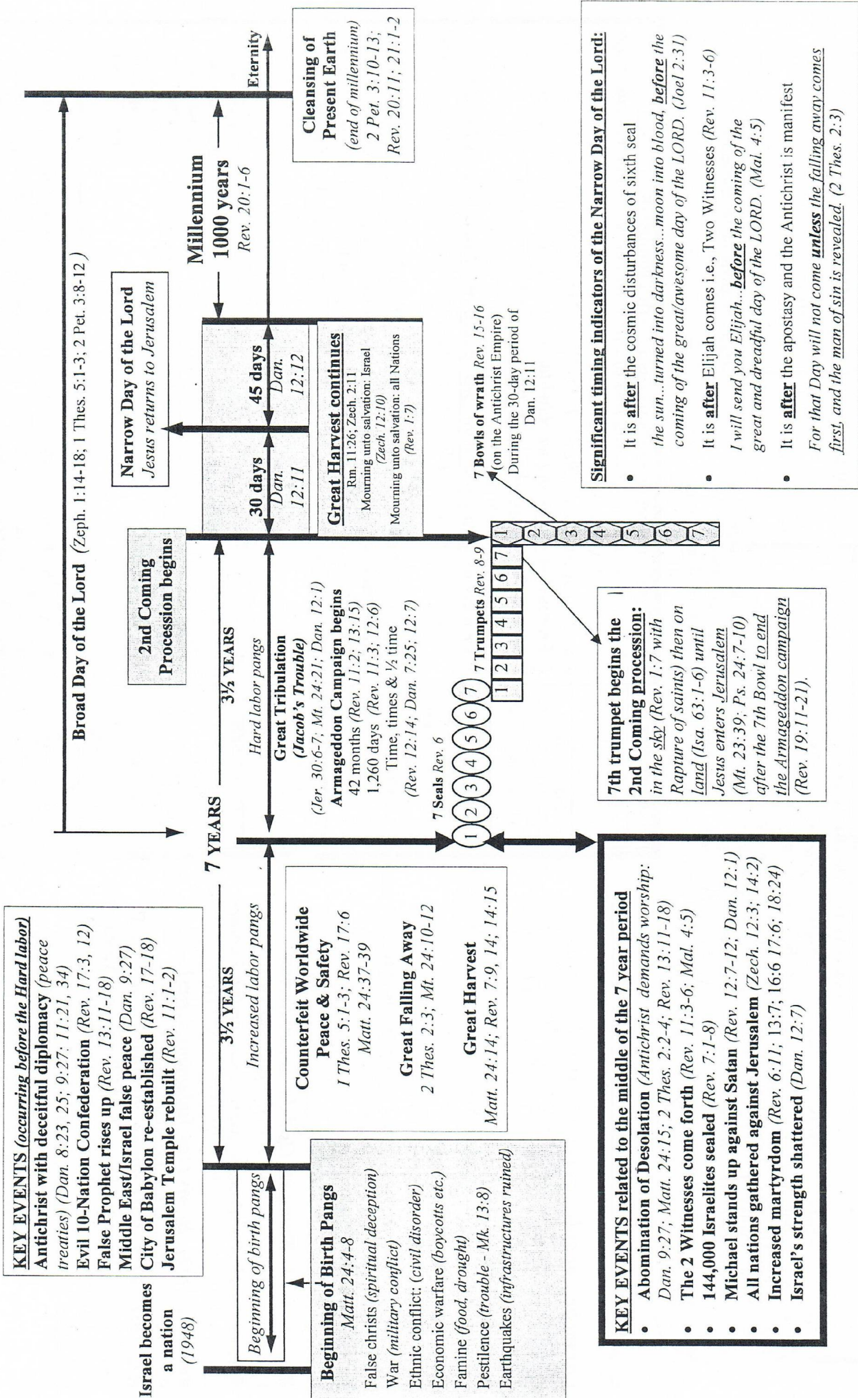
Re. 15-16 *Chronological section #4:* The **BOWL JUDGMENTS** destroy evil infrastructures in society (Ps. 2:9).

Re. 17-19:10 *Angelic explanation #4:* The **SEDUCTION** of society by Babylon's evil religion will permeate and infiltrate every social structure, requiring that Babylon be totally destroyed.

Re. 19:11-20:15 *Chronological section #5:* Jesus' **TRIUMPHAL ENTRY** to Jerusalem (Re. 19:11-21:8).

Re. 21-22 *Angelic explanation#5:* The **RESTORATION** of all things (Ac. 3:21; Re. 21:9-22:5).

OVERVIEW OF KEY END TIME EVENTS



CHRONOLOGICAL STRUCTURE OF REVELATION

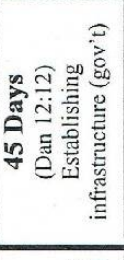
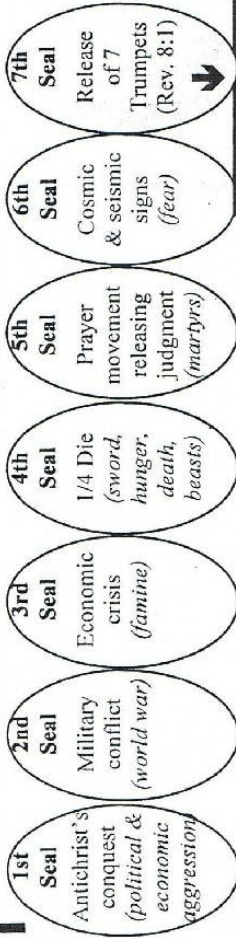
SEQUENCE OF THE 7 SEALS, 7 TRUMPETS, & 7 BOWLS (3 NUMBERED JUDGMENT SERIES)

Cleansing of Present Earth
(at end of millennial reign) 2 Pet. 3:10-13

BROAD DAY OF THE LORD (1 Thes. 5:1-3; 2 Pet. 3:8-12; Tribulation to the end of Millennium)

3 1/2 YEARS

GREAT TRIBULATION REV. 6-19 (MT. 24:15-31; DAN. 9:27; 12:1)



2 COMPONENTS IN THE STRUCTURE OF REVELATION:

Chronological order (as the main story line unfolds)

3 Judgment Series (Seals, Trumpets, Bowls unfolding in sequence (Rev. 6; 8-9; 15-16) then Millennium, New Earth etc. (Rev. 19:11-21:8))

5 Parenthetical Sections (Rev 7; 10-11; 12-14; 17-19; 21:9-22:5) gives perspective: why such severity plus assuring the saints of victory

OUTLINE OF REVELATION

- Rev. 1:1-20 John commissioned by Jesus
- Rev. 2:1-3:22 Exhortation to 7 Churches: Be Overcomers
- Rev. 4:1-5:14 Heavenly Court & 7-Sealed Scroll
- Rev. 6:1-17 Seals (1st Judgment Series)**
- Rev. 7:1-17 1ST PARENTHETICAL SECTION
- Rev. 8:1-9:21 Trumpets (2nd Judgment Series)**
- Rev. 10:1-11:13 2ND PARENTHETICAL SECTION
- Rev. 11:14-19 7th Trumpet: starts 2nd Coming/Rapture**
- Rev. 12:1-14:20 3RD PARENTHETICAL SECTION
- Rev. 15:1-16:21 Bowls (3rd Judgment Series)**
- Rev. 17:1-19:10 4TH PARENTHETICAL SECTION
- Rev. 19:11-21:8 2nd Coming complete (Jesus enters Jerusalem); Armageddon ends; Millennium; New Earth**
- Rev. 21:9-22:5 5TH PARENTHETICAL SECTION
- Rev. 22:6-22:21 Final Exhortation

7 Trumpets: Rev. 8-9

1st Trumpet 1/3 Trees & Grass
2nd Trumpet 1/3 Sea becomes blood (1/3 fish & ships)
3rd Trumpet 1/3 Fresh water (rivers & springs)
4th Trumpet 1/3 Light is darkened
5th Trumpet (1st Woe) Torment 5 months (demonic locusts)
6th Trumpet (2nd Woe) 1/3 Die (200 million army)
7th Trumpet (2nd Coming procession begins)

Start of 2nd Coming procession (3 stages): 7th Trumpet (Rev. 11:15-19)

7th Trumpet includes the empires of this world coming under Jesus' reign at the Last Trumpet when the saints are rewarded and God destroys those who destroy the earth (Rev. 11:15-18; 1 Cor. 15:50-52)

1. **Procession in the sky worldwide: Rapture** (Mt. 24:30-31; Rev. 1:7)
2. **Procession across the land: thru Jordan to Jerusalem** (Isa. 63:1-6; Rev. 19:11-16; Hab. 3:3-18; Ps. 110:5-6)
3. **Procession into Jerusalem and Mount of Olives: Jesus is invited by Israel's governmental leaders to rule** (Mt. 23:39; Ps. 24:7-10; Zech. 14:4)

3 types of people on earth (at the time of the 2nd Coming)

1. **Redeemed:** raptured during the Second Coming procession
2. **Reprobate:** took the mark of the Beast (soon to be judged and killed)
3. **Resistors:** refused to worship the Antichrist (unsaved survivors)

All events and numbers in Revelation are taken in their plain meaning (literal) unless specifically indicated as symbolic as in Rev. 1:20; 5:6; 11:8; 12:1, 3, 9; 17:7, 9, 15-18, etc. (symbolism differs from similes, metaphors, prophetic titles)

