



REVIEW OF CHAPTERS 1-11

- John commanded to write down the visions, not to interpret them
- Most Bible scholars see this as John's personal work that presents his agenda
- First visions were the letters to the 7 churches
- Issue was God's view of each congregation's spiritual condition

7 Letters of the Apocalypse





A GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN

- The Lamb stands before the Ancient One
- 4 Living Beings and 24 Elders (saved Levites)
- Ancient One hands a scroll with 7 seals to the Lamb
- The first 4 seals are the 4 Horsemen of the Apocalypse...human evil, not God's wrath
- 5th seal reveals the martyred souls

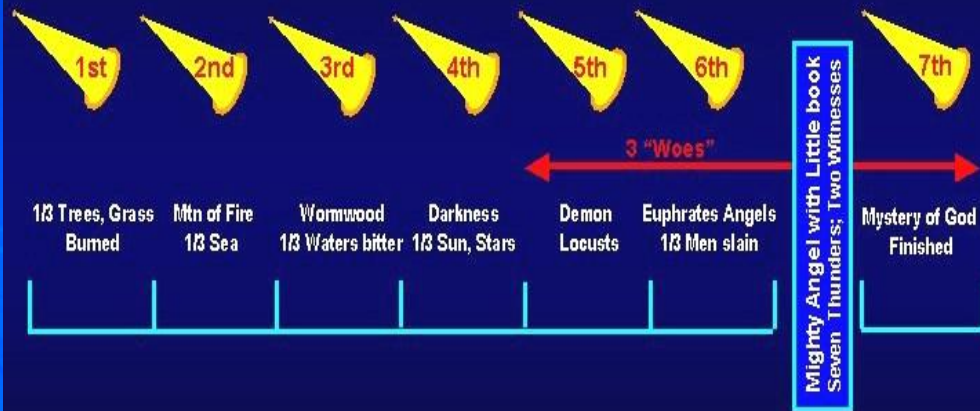


- 6th Seal brought cosmic disturbances
- Then, an interlude and 144,000 sealed from among the 12 tribes
- 7th Seal brought more wrath upon the earth
- First 4 Trumpet judgments attacked the dry land, oceans, fresh water, and the sky
- 5th Trumpet opened the Abyss and locust creatures swarmed out
- 6th Trumpet called a satanic army of 200 million to cross the Euphrates, attack Israel, and kill billions of people



The Seven Trumpet Judgments

Chapters 8 - 11





ANOTHER INTERLUDE

- After the 6th Trumpet judgment, an interlude that is chapter 10
- Mighty Angel is the Angel of the Lord of the OT
- John told to eat the little scroll; sweet in his mouth, bitter in his stomach
- 2 witnesses prophesy in Jerusalem for 42 months before they are killed by the Anti-Christ
- Earthquake hits Jerusalem; 7000 die, 10% of buildings collapse
- John is shown the Ark of the Covenant in the Heavenly Temple



REVELATION 12

- 1) Conflict of Serpent and Woman
- 2) Persecution by sea beast
- 3) Persecution by land beast
- 4) Lamb and the 144,000
- 5) Gospel and judgment
- 6) Son of Man earth harvest
- 7) Saint's victory and song

- Ch. 12
- Ch.13:1-10
- Ch.13:11-18
- Ch.14:1-5
- Ch.14:6-13
- Ch.14:14-20
- Ch.15:2-4

Satan: The Adversary



- Satan is behind the evil of mankind
- God gave him well-defined limits of space and time
- Revelation 12 is primarily symbolic
- But what do the various symbols symbolize?
- What symbols meant in the OT are usually the best answers for what they mean in Revelation

AN IMPORTANT CONNECTION



- Ark symbolizes God's covenants and promises
- Even though earthly Ark missing since 600 B.C., Ark in Heaven means the source, essence and highest meaning of it were held safe
- The woman symbolizes Israel
- God's covenants and promises were given to Israel

THE WOMAN'S SYMBOLS



- Stars can be figurative of Angels
- Symbolism of sun, moon and 12 stars can be traced to Gen. 37:9
- The story of Joseph and his dreams about his family
- Sun is Israel's father, moon is Israel's mother, and 12 stars are the 12 tribes of Israel
- Symbolism could include Isaac and Abraham

LITERAL AND SYMBOLIC

- Vs. 2 no doubt presents Messiah's birth
- So the woman, in that sense, could be Mary
- The larger view is that the Savior comes from Israel
- Women as a collective figure symbolizes the new, redeemed, idealized Jerusalem and Israel
- Isaiah 54:1-7
- Jeremiah 3:20
- Micah 4:9-13





THE RED DRAGON

- 7 heads with crowns, and 10 horns
- Rev. 12:9 The dragon is Satan
- John is being given a panoramic view of the past and future
- Heaven is timeless, but on earth we're bound up by time
- Luke 10:18 Christ said that He saw Satan fall (in the past)
- Daniel 8:8-11