

Warnings, Wrath and Witnesses.

We Cover:

- Revelation 8, 9, 10, 11 and other scriptures.
- Why God's Wrath?
- The 'Time of the Gentiles'.
- The two witnesses

Below a Summary of Revelation 6 & 7 (from session 1), with Revelation 8-11 now added.

This summary covers the first six seal events up to the 7th trumpet, after which: *'the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our LORD, and of his Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever.'*(Rev 11:15)

Session 1: Rev 6 & 7 : Summary		
Start of parallel sequence		
Rev 6:	The Lamb 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th Seal TRIBULATION 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Seal GREAT TRIBULATION 5th Seal 6 th Seal JESUS 2nd COMING (Rapture) 6 th Seal Wrath of God to be poured out (is come)	Rev 12: <Birth of Christ> Satan cast out of heaven Antichrist given power Rev 13: Antichrist put in power Deadly wound False prophet Abomination of desolation Mark of the beast Rev 14: 144,000 3 Angels with messages Jesus coming in the clouds Rapture Rev 15: The victorious standing on sea of glass (multitude in heaven) Song of the Lamb & Song of Moses Wrath of God to be poured out
Rev 7:	144,000 -> Sealed in foreheads Great multitude appearing in heaven Multitude in Heaven	
Session 3: Rev 8, 9, 10 & 11 : Summary		
Rev 8:	7th Seal Wrath of God Start: earth quake 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 6 th Trumpet VOICES, THUNDERINGS, LIGHTNINGS, AN EARTHQUAKE	Rev 16: Wrath of God. 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 6 th , 7 th Vial
Rev 9:	5 th , 6 th trumpets	
Rev 10:	Little book Sealed on ann and written 7 THUNDERS	
Rev 11:	GENTILES tread down the city TWO WITNESSES Two witness Antichrist m 7th Trumpet LIGHTNINGS, VOICES, THUNDERINGS, AN EARTHQUAKE AND GREAT HAIL 'THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD ARE BECOME THE KINGDOMS OF OUR LORD, AND OF HIS CHRIST; AND HE SHALL REIGN FOR EVER AND EVER.'	"It is done" End: Voices, thunders, lightnings, an earthquake, great hail
End of parallel sequence		

Revelation 11 is the end of the first parallel sequence, as the narrative re-starts at Revelation 12 with the 'birth of Christ' in Rev 12:5. More about this later.

REVELATION 8 & 9:

The seventh seal introduces the trumpet judgements of God's Wrath.

REVELATION 8:1-6	
7 th Seal	½ hour silence in heaven (v1)
7 Angels before God Given 7 Trumpets (v2)	
Another angel with a golden censer stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all saints, on the golden altar which was before the throne. (v3)	
	Smoke of the incense ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. (v4) The angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar and cast it to the earth (v5)
VOICES, THUNDERINGS, LIGHTNINGS, AN EARTHQUAKE (v5)	
7 Angels with the 7 Trumpets Prepared to sound (v6)	

The seventh seal is now opened, and there is a half hour silence in heaven: All goes quiet as the seven angels prepare to sound their trumpets. All the prayers of the saints are presented to Father God. Many of these prayers would contain cries for justice brought in the tears of persecution and suffering.

It seems that Father God has reserved his response to all the cries for justice and vengeance over the centuries for this moment.


As it approaches, all goes quiet, in awe of what is to come: The revelation of God's stored-up anger, stored up patiently over millennia. His just wrath is about to engulf wickedness and the wicked.

6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound:

1st Trumpet

Rev 8:7
Hail & fire with blood.
Cast upon **EARTH**
½ part of trees burnt up.
All green grass burnt up.

EARTH




7 The first angel sounded, and there followed **hail and fire mingled with blood**, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

2nd Trumpet

Rev 8:8-9
Mountain with fire cast into **SEA**.
½ part of sea became blood.
½ of sea creatures died
½ of ships destroyed.

SEA




8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a **great mountain burning with fire** was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;
9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

3rd Trumpet

Rev 8:10-11
Burning star from heaven
Fell on ½ part of the **RIVERS** and the **FOUNTAINS OF WATERS**
Name of star is called Wormwood.
½ part of waters became wormwood.
Many men died of bitter waters.

WORMWOOD
RIVERS and FOUNTAINS OF WATERS



10 And the third angel sounded, and there **fell a great star** from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;
11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

4th Trumpet

Rev 8:12-13
½ part of **SUN, MOON, STARS** darkened.
½ part of day darkness.
Night likewise.

½ SUN, MOON, STARS



12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the **sun** was smitten, and the third part of the **moon**, and the third part of the **stars**; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

The three Woes: The last three trumpets are now proclaimed as the 'three woes' by an angel: v13 *And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, **Woe, woe, woe,** to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, **which are yet to sound!***


The 5th Trumpet : *And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given **the key of the bottomless pit.**² And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.³ And there came out of the smoke **locusts upon the earth:** and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.⁴ And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.⁵ And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the **torment of a scorpion,** when he strikes a man.⁶ And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.*

5th Trumpet

Rev 9:1-11 (1st Woe)
LOCUSTS and smoke out of the pit.
 Sun and air **DARK**ened.

Given power - compared to scorpions of the earth
 Commanded them **NOT** to hurt the grass and any green thing and tree. **Hurt only men without seal of God in their forehead.** They should not kill them.
 They should torment them for **5 MONTHS.** Like a scorpion that strikes a man. Men shall seek and desire death. But they won't die.

-> Shape like horses (prepared for battle).
 On their heads golden crowns.
 Faces of men. Hair of women.
 Teeth of lions. Breastplates of iron,
 Wings soundchariots many horses.
 Tails like scorpions, stings in tails.
 Power to **hurt men 5 MONTHS**



Smoke & Locusts DARKNESS

The king over the **LOCUSTS:**
 The angel of the bottomless pit.
 His name is: **ABADDON** in Hebrew. **APOLLYON** in Greek

7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. 8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. 9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.

*10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to **hurt men five months.** 11 And they had **a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit,** whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.*

Regarding Abaddon /Apollyon:

- Satan is referred to as the great dragon, the devil, Satan, serpent, Lucifer and the accuser. **He is never called Abaddon/Apollyon.**
- Satan will be thrown into the bottomless pit for 1,000 years, by the angel that has the key of the bottomless pit. (Rev 20:1-3)
- Satan does not rule over hell. Jesus does. (Rev 1:18, Rev 14:10)
- Satan will be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone and he will be tormented there. (Is 14:12-15, Rev 20:10)

ABADDON
H11 ἄβaddon 'ābaddōn <i>ab-ad-done'</i> Intensively from H6; abstractly a <i>perishing</i> ; concretely Hades; - destruction.
'Destruction [H11]' - Job 28:22, Prov 15:11

APOLLYON
G684 ἀπόλλεια apōlleia <i>ap-o'-li-a</i> From a presumed derivative of G622; <i>ruin</i> or <i>loss</i> (physical, spiritual or eternal): - damnable (-nation), destruction, die, perdition, X perish, pernicious ways, waste.
'Destruction [G684]' - Matt 7:13, Phil 3:18-19

JESUS has 'the keys of hell and of death' (Rev 1:18)

Satan will 'be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit' (Is 14:15)

Therefore, it seems that Abaddon/Apollyon is a 'Destruction' angel from God.

The sixth Trumpet: *And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, **Loose the four angels** which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for **to slay the third part of men.***

And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.

*By these three was the third part of men killed, by **the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone**, which issued out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth,*


and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.

6th Trumpet

Rev 9:12-19 (2nd Woe)

Voice from the golden altar which is before God:
Loose the 4 angels bound in the great river **EUPHRATES**.
The 4 angels were loosed. Prepared for an hour, a day, a month & a year to slay 1/3 part of men.
The army of horsemen were: 200,000,000 (200 mil).
RIDERS: Had breastplates of fire, jacinth & brimstone.

HORSES: Had heads of lions.
Out of their mouths came fire and smoke and brimstone.
Power in their mouth and in their tails.
Tails like serpents with a head ... to hurt.
1/3 part of men killed
by fire, smoke, brimstone.



EUPHRATES

Rest of the men that were not killed by these plagues
REPENTED NOT (Rev 9:20-21)
Works of their hands. Worship of devils (idols of gold, silver, brass, stone and wood that don't see, hear, nor walk). Murders. Sorceries. Fornication. Thefts.

*20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet **repented not** of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:*

21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Who are the 4 angels that are bound in the Euphrates?

The Euphrates is mentioned in Genesis 3:23-24 ²³ *Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. ²⁴ So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden CHERUBIMS, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.'*

*Could it be that these CHERUBIMS are the 4 angels bound in the **Euphrates**?*

Gen 2:10 ¹⁰ *And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.'*

'the 1st is Pison (compasses the whole land of Havilah)' (Gen 2:11).

'the 2nd is Gihon (compasses the whole land of Ethiopia)' (Gen 2:13).

*'the 3rd is Hiddekel (goes toward the east of Assyria and the 4th river is **EUPHRATES**.'* (Gen 2:14)

REVELATION 10: The seven thunders.

John sees a magnificent angel crying out with a loud voice. However, we're not told what he said. When the voices of 'Seven thunders' respond, John is instructed: "**Seal up** those things which the seven thunders uttered and write them not."

This is much like the Daniel chapter 12 prophecy, where the angel orders Daniel that the events are 'sealed until the time of the end', John also must withhold the information.

This seems to align with Jesus' words to 'watch, pray and be ready', because it seems that God will reveal more and more detail as we approach the 'time of the end'.

REVELATION 10:1-5	
Another mighty angel came down from heaven. Clothed with a cloud, a rainbow on his head. Face as the sun. Feet pillars of fire.	
In his hand a little book. Right foot on sea, left foot on earth. Loud voice like a lion roar.	
Then 7 THUNDERS uttered their voices	
John was about to write the 7 Thunders.	
A voice from heaven: 'Seal up DO NOT write those things that the 7 thunders uttered'	
The angel lifted up his hand to heaven	

I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

2 And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,

3 And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

*4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, **Seal up** those things which the seven thunders uttered, and **write them not.***

Time no longer:

The second half of Revelation 10 emphasises that the 'Wrath of God' narrative is nearing its end by declaring that there is 'time no longer'. The last angel is ready to sound his trumpet (and does so in Rev 11), which introduces the final judgements and the declaration the arrival of the kingdom.

*"5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,
6 And swore by him that lives for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be **time no longer**
7 But in the days of the **seventh angel**, when he shall begin to sound, **the mystery of God should be finished**, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.*



'As he has declared to his servants the prophets': Daniel's prophecy is remarkably like Rev 10!

Daniel even adds the 3.5 year 'scattering of the holy people', as referred to in Rev 11:2!

Dan 12:7
⁷ And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, **all these things shall be finished.**



Finally John is instructed to eat the book held by the mighty angel. It was sweet to the mouth but bitter in the belly. This probably indicates something about the utterances of the seven thunders, perhaps that the revenge against the wickedness of the evildoers is sweet, but the doing of it was nevertheless bitter and detestable.

REVELATION 10:8-11	
Voice from heaven (voice in v4) 'Go and take the book.....'	
John took the little book from the hand of the angel.	
He ate the book. In his mouth sweet as honey. In his belly bitter.	
John will prophesy again to: Many peoples, nations, tongues & kings.	

Revelation 11:

The Time of the Gentiles. (v1,2), the two witnesses and the 7th trumpet

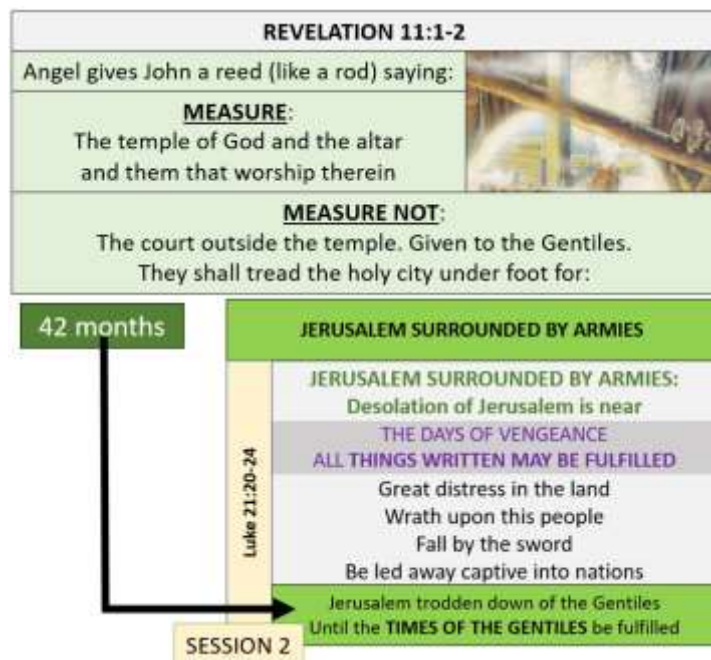
John is instructed to measure the temple but not the outer court.

God gives the outer court to the Gentiles, for their purposes. This could mean that it is given to the Gentiles to erect/set up the 'Abomination of Desolation' (refer to session 2), i.e. that they are allowed to by God to do it.

Revelation 13 prophesies that this terrible image (or idol) of desolation will be able to move, speak and perhaps even kill.

The temple area itself, which John has to measure, seems to be an 'exclusion zone' to the Gentiles. The temple area, it seems, has been 'set apart', a holy place reserved for God's purposes. Whether this is a symbolic temple or a rebuilt 3rd temple on earth is not quite certain.

Interestingly, John is also asked to measure, with the rod, those that worship in the temple.



Where will John measure the temple **of God**?

The first questions are: 'which temple', and 'where is it?'. Is it a rebuilt temple on earth? If so, will God inhabit a man-built and man-initiated temple so it can be called the 'temple **of God**'?

The New Testament clearly states that believers are now the temple **of God** (1 Cor 3:16-17, 1 Cor 6:19) on earth, this is God's habitation (Eph 2:21-22), which makes any man-made temple obsolete. However, the mention of the Gentiles and the treading underfoot in verse 2 does seem to implicate a rebuilt temple on earth.

In addition, from the surrounding verses (v19), it could indicate that John may have to symbolically measure the temple in heaven: "And the temple of God was opened in **heaven**, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament."

How does this all fit? We have no answer as yet.

The Desolation of Jerusalem:

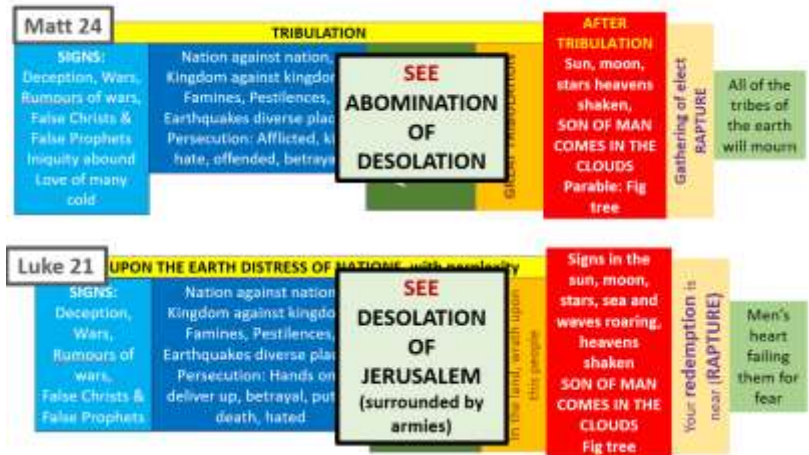
In session 2, the link between the 'Desolation of Jerusalem' and the 'Abomination of Desolation' was explained. **The 'Desolation of Jerusalem' and the 'Abomination of Desolation' are coincident:** They are 'bookended' by the same events on either side and appear on the timeline simultaneously, as seen below:

Jesus said: '..... WHEN YOU SEE' SIGNS

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Matt 24:15 ↓ "When ye therefore shall **SEE** the:
ABOMINATION [G946] OF DESOLATION, spoken of by **DANIEL** the prophet," (v15)
..... stand in the holy place.... (Matt 24:15)

Luke 21:20 ↓ "And when ye shall **SEE**
JERUSALEM compassed with armies, **THEN KNOW**
That the **DESOLATION** thereof is nigh."



THE TIME OF THE GENTILES:

Rev 11:2 *But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is **given unto the Gentiles**; and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.*

REVELATION 11:2
MEASURE NOT:
The court outside the temple.
It is given to the Gentiles.
They shall tread the holy city under foot for:
42 months

It appears that the Gentiles will have full control of Jerusalem in the last days, treading it 'underfoot' for 3.5 years (42 months). In Session 2 we have also seen the following verse about the 'treading down' of Jerusalem by the Gentiles:

Luke 21:24 *"And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until **the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.**"*

This most likely occurs when the Antichrist takes control of Jerusalem and sets up an idol or 'image of the beast' on the temple mount. (Revelation 13)

The apostle Paul also writes about the 'time of the Gentiles', pointing out the blindness of Israel to the gospel during the 'time of the Gentiles':

Rom 11:25: *For I would not, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the **fulness of the Gentiles be come in.***



How long?...Paul clearly states the blindness of Israel will last until the fullness of Gentiles is come in.

From the verses above it is apparent that there is a pause in God's plan with Israel. There is an opportunity, called the '**time of the Gentiles**' whereby the unbelieving nations, the Gentiles, may hear about God's plan and may become part of God's family. This opportunity for the Gentiles ends 42 months after the Gentiles (Antichrist) takes full control of Jerusalem. When 'the fullness of the Gentiles' has come in, the blindness of the Jews will be lifted.

Paul states in Romans 11 that a blindness amongst the Jews concerning the gospel has set in, and adds that it will continue throughout the time of the Gentiles.

Summarizing scriptures (details further below) regarding what Isaiah, Jesus, Paul and Revelation reveals about their blindness:

Prophecy of Isaiah on the duration of the blindness and the lack of understanding of the Jews:

ISAIAH SAID:

Is 6:10-11 ¹⁰ Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, **and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes,** and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed. ¹¹ Then said I, **Lord, how long?** And he answered, **Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,**

→

Israel -> 'eyes shut' until

The CITIES be WASTED, WITHOUT INHABITANT, HOUSES WITHOUT MAN & LAND UTTERLY DESOLATE

Isaiah's prophecy about the blindness of the Jews:

'.....Shut their eyes, **lest they see...**'
'.....and convert, and be healed.'

How long?...

'...Until the cities are wasted...the houses without man and the land utterly **desolate.**'

Prophecies by Jesus on the duration of the blindness of the Jews to the gospel:

JESUS SAID:

Matt 13:13-15

¹³ Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

¹⁴ And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

John 12:38-41

³⁸ That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?

³⁹ Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

⁴¹ These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.

JESUS SAID: 'ISRAEL not see with their eyes (Jesus Ref to Isaiah)'

Matt 13:13-15, John 12:38-41

Matt 23:36-39 (Luke 13:32-35)

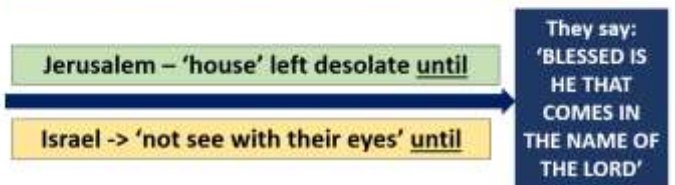
³⁶ Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon **this generation.**

³⁷ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, ... I

Behold, your house [G3624] is left unto you desolate.

³⁹ For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth,

till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.



How long?...UNTIL ye shall say:

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!

Prophecies by Paul on the duration of the blindness of the Jews to the gospel:

PAUL SAID:

Rom 11:25

²⁵ For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; **that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.**

Rom 11:5-7

⁵ Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

⁶ And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then it is no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

⁷ What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded.

PAUL SAID:

Acts 28:25-28

²⁵ And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers,

²⁶ Saying, Go unto this people; and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.

How long?... Paul states: ..till the fullness of the Gentiles is come in...

However, God has always reserved a small remnant (Rom 11v5) of Jewish believers for himself during times of apostasy, like he did in the time of Elijah.

God’s specific dealings with Israel, during this blindness, seem to be suspended until a future time when his plan resumes. The ‘lifting of their blindness’ occurs when he reveals himself to them, and rescues them, just before Armageddon, when they ‘look upon me whom they have pierced’ and mourn bitterly for their rejection of Him. (Zech 12:7-10)

v9 *And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come **against Jerusalem.** [i.e. Armageddon]*

10 *And I **will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace** and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.*

This seems a clear prophecy that their repentance happens when they ‘look upon him’ at the time of Armageddon. That is at the end: when Jesus comes on the White Horse to establish his kingdom on this earth.

Thereafter which he revives and restores the believing Jews to populate the millennial Jerusalem and the millennial Israel. (Hosea 6:2)

Summary: ‘Blindness in part happened to Israel.’ (Rom 11:25)

‘Until fullness of the Gentiles have come in.’ (Rom 11:25, Luke 21:24)

‘Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,’ (Is 6:10-11)

‘Until Jerusalem be trodden down by the Gentiles.’ (Luke 21:24)

‘Until ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.’ (Matt 23:36-39, Luke 13:32-35)

Question: Because the Jews will still be unbelieving at the time of the rapture, will they then have to pass through the time of the outpouring of God’s wrath to be rescued at the 11th hour?

Answer: It seems from Revelation 12 that those Jews responding to the instruction to ‘flee’, at the Abomination of desolation’ (marking Antichrists move on Jerusalem- ref session 2), that they will be protected and refined ‘in the wilderness’ during the time of the outpouring of God’s wrath. (Refer to session 4)

There in the wilderness, it seems, will they experience God’s supernatural provision and protection, such as it was during the Exodus (during Moses’ time), when God provided food and water supernaturally.

Jesus reveals himself to them after this time, on the White horse, when their desert experience with God has readied them to accept that Jesus is the Messiah!

WHAT ABOUT THE JEWS / ISRAEL: ('2 GROUPS')

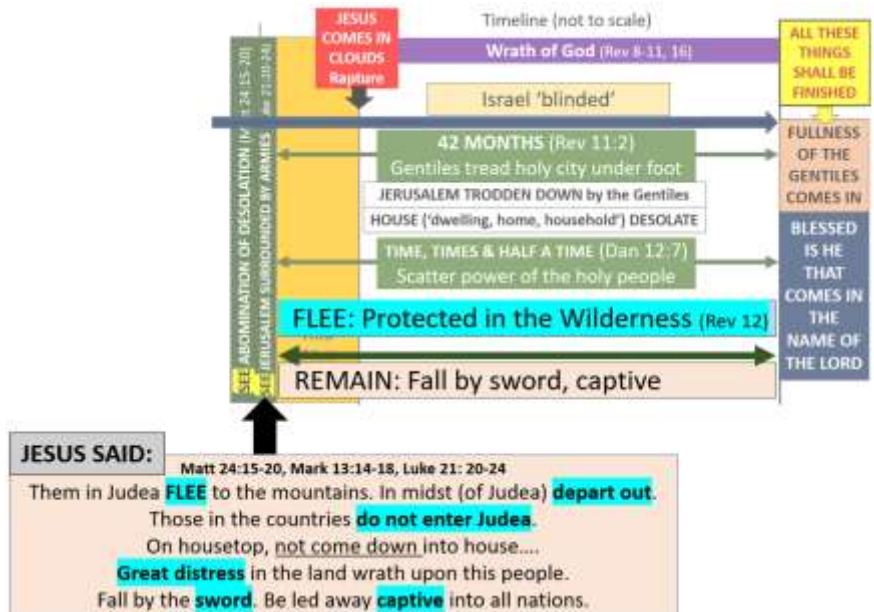
THOSE THAT FLEE:

Those that will be protected in the Wilderness (Rev 12)

SESSION 4

THOSE THAT REMAIN:

Those that remain in Judea’



What about the Jews not fleeing (remaining in Judea) or who live elsewhere?

Those that do not flee and remain in Judea: (summary):

- 'Jerusalem shall be **trodden down** by the Gentiles.' (Luke 21:24)
- 'The court outside the temple is given to the Gentiles. They shall **tread the holy city under foot** for 42 months.' (Rev 11:2)
- '**Great distress** in the land wrath upon this people. **Fall by the sword**, led away **captive** into all nations.' (Luke 21:23-24)
- 'Jerusalem, house will be **left desolate**.' (Matt 23:37)
- 'The cities **be wasted** without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly **desolate**.' (Is 6:11)
- '... the city shall **be taken**, and the houses rifled, & the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into **captivity**, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.' (Zech 14:2)
- 'that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to **scatter** the power of the holy people', all these things shall be finished.' (Dan 12:7)

Daniel prophesies extensively about the 'time of the end' in Daniel chapter 12:

Dan 12:1-4 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people:

and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time:

and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

GREAT TRIBULATION
(Dan 12:1; Matt 24:21-22)

JESUS 2nd coming IN THE CLOUDS

THE RAPTURE
(Matt 24:29-31)

Dan 12:5-7

5 Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.

6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, **How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?**

7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people,

ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE FINISHED

TIME, TIMES & HALF A TIME (Dan 12:7)
Scatter power of the holy people

ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE FINISHED
Dan 12:7

THEN:

BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD (Matt 23:38-39)
JESUS COMES ON THE WHITE HORSE. BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON. (Rev 19:11-21)

THEN:

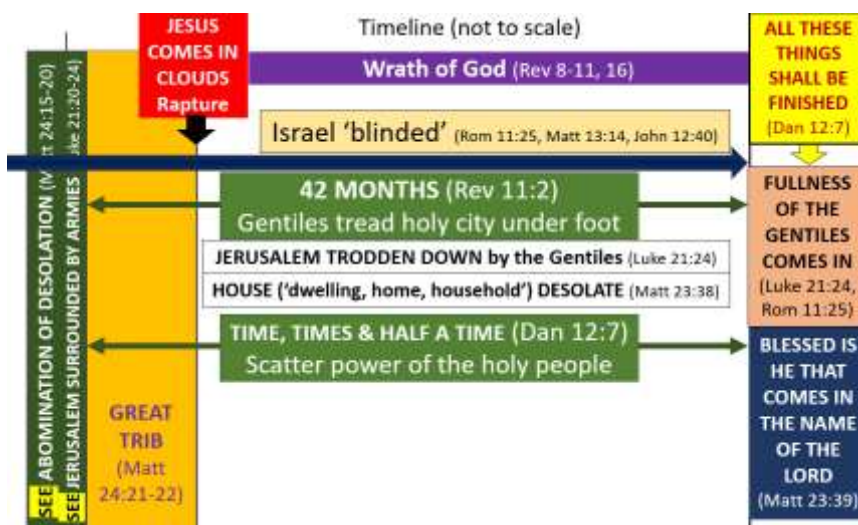
Rev 11:15 ¹⁵....., **The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.**

Daniel adds the following to our understanding: He confirms, before the 'end of these wonders': ... a 'time of trouble such as never seen. ... deliverance of every one 'written in the book'. ... the resurrection (of believers) to everlasting life

and

... that it will be **3.5 years** until: ... the power of the holy people is scattered. ... that 'all these things shall be finished'.

What about believers?: As we have seen in the previous sessions, believers are raptured before the wrath of God is poured out. There seems no mention of believers after the rapture, other than the Jews, saved after the 3.5 yrs.



WHAT ABOUT BELIEVERS / THE SAVED / CHRISTIANS?

- Will SEE/know when the Abomination of Desolation is set up.
- Will SEE/know when Jerusalem is surrounded by armies.
- Will go through the Great Tribulation
- Will be raptured at Jesus' 2nd coming

The two witnesses:

Revelation 11 describes the ministry of the two witnesses. Their ministry is to prophesy to the entire world, but it seems also to the Jews in particular. In reading this chapter it seems clear that they operate out of Jerusalem, which will be desolated by the Antichrist at some point during their ministry.

However, they will be 'untouchable'. They will continue to be 'untouchable' for 3.5 years as a demonstration God's superior power over the Antichrist, the false Messiah, during his reign.

REVELATION 11:3-5	
<p>TWO WITNESSES</p> <p>Give power to my: TWO WITNESSES Prophesy 1,260 days Clothed in sackcloth</p>	
<p>These are: The two olive trees & two candlesticks standing before God. (Zech 4:11-14)</p>	<p>42 months 1,260 days Time, times & half a time = 3½ YEARS</p>
<p>If any man will hurt them: Fire proceeds out of their mouth. To devour and kill their enemies.</p>	

The most amazing feats of the two witnesses are in protecting themselves. They experience from God a level of miraculous power that seems beyond what has ever been seen.

They will stand up against the fury of the entire Antichrist system. They will devour any enemies attacking them with fire out of their mouths. This power extended to the two witnesses surpasses anything the world has yet witnessed.

In addition they have powers to cause drought, turn water into blood and cause plagues over the entire earth.

“These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.” No one on earth will be unaware of their presence, it seems.

The identity of the two witnesses leaves little doubt. The two witnesses of verse 3-4 seem to be none other than Moses and Elijah. The similarities of the supernatural powers given to the two witnesses and those given to Moses and Elijah are obvious. In Exodus 7:20 Moses turns the Nile River waters into blood. In 1 Kings 5:17 Elijah prayed that it would not rain, which it did not for **3.5 years (1260 days)**, reflecting the time of their ministry.

This is repeated in James 5:17.



In addition, there is a supernatural aspect to the departure of both. Elijah was taken up by a whirlwind into heaven. One could say he was raptured, spectacularly. Elijah is also referred to as the 'Elijah to come', the end-time prophet in Malachi 4:5-6. Regarding the 'death' of Moses, Jude 9 and Deut. 43:5-7 describe that there was something very significant about the body of Moses.

Only these two humble and obedient men of God, Moses and Elijah, could ever be equal to standing up against the fury of the entire Antichrist system in humility in power. This was demonstrated by Moses against Pharaoh, and by Elijah in the face of Ahab's opposition.

In addition, we recall that Moses' enemies were swallowed up by the earth on one occasion (Num.16:28-33) and turned leprous in an instant on another (Num.12:1-15). Elijah's enemies were devoured by heavenly fire (2Ki.1:9-14).

The reference to the two witnesses as the "two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the Lord of the earth" (Zech 4:11-14) gives their ministry a distinctly Jewish flavour. It seems that part of their ministry may

specifically be directed towards Israel, perhaps to those who did not flee and did survive the setting up of the Abomination of Desolation.

Their death and resurrection: Three-and-a-half years after their ministry starts, 1260 days to be exact, the witnesses are executed and left on the ground. There may be some significance in their bodies being on display for 3.5 days. Perhaps it is to demonstrate to all that they were truly dead, and that their resurrection is a miracle from God. The witnesses are resurrected and ascend to heaven.

The timescale is shortly before Armageddon, it seems. This is self-evident because the next event, in Verse 15, is the seventh trumpet, announcing the arrival of the 'Kingdom of God'!

REVELATION 11:7-10	
When they shall have finished their testimony. The beast out of bottomless pit shall make war against them, overcome them and kill them.	
Their dead bodies shall lie in the street of <u>the great city</u> : -> spiritually called Sodom and Egypt. -> where our Lord was crucified.	
People kindreds tongues nations	
shall see their dead bodies for 3½ days and shall not bury them in graves.	
They shall rejoice and send gifts to each other because these two prophets tormented them.	

REVELATION 11:11-14	
After 3½ days they became alive (the spirit of life from God entered them). Great fear on them that saw this.	
	A great voice from heaven saying: 'Come up here'. The two witnesses ascended up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies watched.
The same hour -> a great earthquake. A 1/10 part of the city fell, 7,000 men slain. The remaining people were frightened and gave glory to the God of heaven.	
The second W OE is past	

If the resurrection of the two witnesses did not move the Jews to accept the Lord Jesus, then only His physical appearance will, when they "shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. (Zech 12:10)"

The seventh trumpet:

The end!

In chapter 11 of Revelation the end is announced as the seventh trumpet is blown. The 'wrath of God' will be complete at the end of the 7th trumpet events and God's reign on earth will commence.

The kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our LORD, and of his Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever. This is followed by worship in Heaven:

REVELATION 11:15-16	
	The seventh angel sounded Great voices in heaven Saying:
'The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.' (v15)	
The 24 elders fell upon their faces and worshipped God, saying:	



The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our LORD.

Father God and Jesus has promised us a wonderful start to our future, being with Him in His physical presence. A time we can truly look forward to. A vision we can relate to right now, in this present world. A vision of such vividness that it will ignite our collective imaginations: To serve a righteous leader who will transform this present world into the place of love, harmony and peace that we all desire.

- This world leader is Jesus.
- His capital city will be Jerusalem, the renewed and rebuilt capital city of this new world.

- His kingdom rule will last a thousand years, before he wraps up this earth which is still tainted by sin and creates the new heavens and earth.

Our most promising leaders in history, having swept millions off their feet in expectant admiration, have invariably turned from heroes to villains.

Now we can look forward to serve a leader of the most impeccable character, who we can truly admire and who will never fail us. A fitting closure to God’s plan to gather a people for Himself. And after that we experience the new heaven and earth, currently even more unimaginable, which is to be our eternal dwelling place of joy, peace and purpose.

The 24 elders saying:

“17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and was, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

*18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they **should be judged**, and that thou shouldst give **reward unto thy servants** the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name”*

Rewards and Judgement:



The elders confirm in their worship that rewards are about to be released to Father God’s servants, but that judgement awaits the wicked and those that destroy the earth with their wickedness.

The prophet Daniel has prophesied extensively about His coming kingdom that would consume all other kingdoms:



The millennium: reigning with Christ for a 1000 years in His kingdom.

Christ's Millennium, a thousand years of His rule on this restored earth, is repeated **six times** in the Rev 20 verses above, 6 times just to make sure we don't miss this! Our expectation is that, when 'all these things are finished', that we will 'kick-off' our eternal life by experiencing a glorious 1000 years in Jesus' presence here on earth. On this very same earth we are on now, but a completely restored and refreshed earth.

A vision of Christ's Millennium, the millennium of rest and restoration of this abused earth, is a vital part of our hope and focus throughout the tribulation.

The New Jerusalem, our eternal abode, would still be in the future, and await us after God's plan, a Sabbath Millennium of rest for this earth, is completed.

But before that, the final battle: **Revelation 16,17 and 19** describe that final battle, the battle of that great day of GOD ALMIGHTY, the arrival the KING OF KINGS and the LORD OF LORDS":

Rev 11:18 'And the nations were angry, and **THY WRATH IS COME,**
and the time of the dead, that **THEY SHOULD BE JUDGED,**
..... and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.'

¹⁴ , TO GATHER THEM TO THE BATTLE OF THAT GREAT DAY OF GOD ALMIGHTY....
¹⁶ IN THE HEBREW TONGUE **ARMAGEDDON** (Rev 16:14, 16)

¹⁴ **These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them:**
for he is **Lord of lords, and King of kings:**
and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful. (Rev 17:14)

Rev 19: 11 ¹¹ And I saw heaven opened, and behold a **WHITE HORSE**
and he that sat upon him was called **Faithful and True,**
and **in righteousness he doth judge and make war.**
Rev 19:13 ¹³ and his name is called **The Word of God.**
Rev 19:15-16 ¹⁵ And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword,
that with it **he should smite the nations:** and he shall rule them with a rod of iron:
and **he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.**
¹⁶ And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written,
KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. **SESSION 6**

Rewards at the Judgement seat of Christ:

By the blood of Jesus all our sins are blotted out, hence believers will not be judged for our sins. Nevertheless, we all have to appear at the judgement seat of Christ, that we may receive our rewards for our service to Jesus while on earth. Jesus has prepared our inheritance in the kingdom, and we will be apportioned our 'inheritance' in accordance with his mercy and grace, as no one deserves or has claim to anything.

Hence the worship in heaven, as we're all be overwhelmed by God's goodness, despite our failures.

Rev 11:18 'and that thou shouldest give **REWARD**
unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints,
and them that fear thy name, small and great;'

Matt 25:31-34 ³¹ When the Son of man shall come in his glory,
and all the holy angels with him,
then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:
³² **And before him shall be gathered all nations:**
and he shall separate them one from another,
as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:
³³ And he shall set the sheep on his right hand,
but the goats on the left.
³⁴ Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand,
Come, ye blessed of my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

**THE
JUDGMENT
SEAT
OF CHRIST**

Rom 14:8-11
⁸ For whether we live, we live unto the Lord;
and whether we die, we die unto the Lord:
whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.
⁹ For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived,
that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.
¹⁰ But why dost thou judge thy brother?
or why dost thou set at nought thy brother?
for we shall all stand before the
judgment seat of Christ.
¹¹ For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord,
every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall
confess to God. ¹² So then
every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

2 Cor 5:10
For we must all appear before the
judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive
the things done in his body, according to that he hath
done, whether it be good or bad.

REWARDS

Rev 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; **and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.**

Matt 5:10-12 ¹⁰ Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. ¹² Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: **for great is your reward in heaven:** for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Matt 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; **and then he shall reward every man according to his works.**

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and **that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**

1 Cor 3:8-14 ⁸ Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: **and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.**

⁹ For we are labourers together with God:

ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building,

¹⁰ According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

¹¹ For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

¹² Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood,

hay, stubble; ¹³ **Every man's work shall be made manifest:**

for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire;

and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. ¹⁴ If any man's work

abide which he hath built thereupon, **he shall receive a reward.**

By His great mercy all our sins are blotted out:

We are not 'judged' for our sins: **OUR SINS ARE BLOTTED OUT**

Ps 103:11-12 ¹¹ For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. ¹² **As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.**

Is 43:25²⁵ I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

Is 44:22 ²² I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.

Acts 3:19 ¹⁹ Repent ye therefore, and be converted, **that your sins may be blotted out,** when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

"And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail."

The 7th trumpet (cont'd)



Rev 16:21

²¹ *And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.*

In addition, the surface of the earth is reshaped:

Rev 16:20 *And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.*

How many people will be left on earth to enter the millennium in their physical bodies is not revealed. However, there is mention of the nations in Zechariah 14:16-19 *"And it shall come to pass, that every one that is **left of all the nations** which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles."*

This provides a clear answer about the millennial inhabitants of the earth. Firstly, the restored and revived Jews will populate Israel, but then also *'every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem.'*

Question: How can revelation 11 already be the end if there are still 11 significant chapters with many events to come?

Answer: The chronology of the end-time narrative is re-set in chapter 12. We can know this because chapter 12 re-starts by turning the clock back 2000 years to the birth of Christ. It is a purposeful break in the sequence of events and a re-start, but with additional information added via chapters 6 to 11.

Furthermore:

- Chapters 13 and 14 cover the Great Tribulation and the Second Coming of Christ. Chapter 6 also covers the same Great Tribulation and the Second Coming of Christ. (Refer Session 1) Thus 13 & 14 cover the same events but add more detail and from a different perspective.
- Also, chapter 16 covers the 'Wrath of God', and so does chapters 8 to 10. (and 11 in part)
- Finally, it seems that Rev 11:19b (+Rev 8:5b) and Rev 16:18-21 both cover the same event:

Compare the similarities between the verses in the table below:

Rev 11:19b (End of the 7 th Trumpet)	Rev 16:18-21 (End of the 7 th Vial)
Voices	Voices
Thunderings	Thunders
Lightnings	Lightnings
Earthquake	Earthquake
Great hail	Great hail

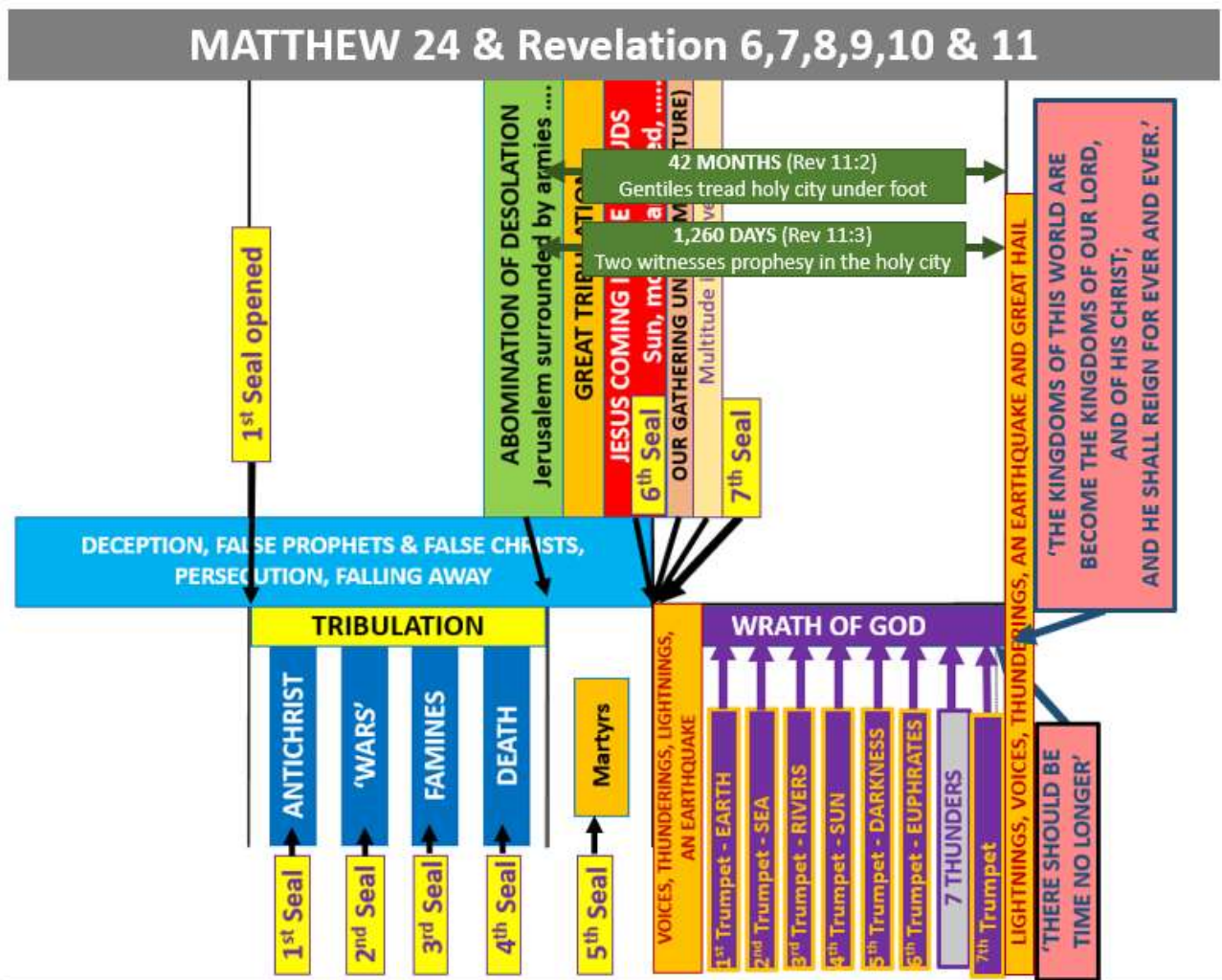
Both conclude with the same events.

It seems that Rev 11:19b and Rev 16:18-21 cover the same event, that is, the end of God's wrath and the commencement of God's reign on this earth.

Hence, we can therefore conclude that:

- Revelation 6-11 and Revelation 12-16 are parallel sequences covering the same topics.
- Revelation 12-16 confirms the events of Revelation 6-11 but contains additional information as well.
- Rev 11:19b and Rev 16:18-21 conclude with the same 'the end' event, and as a consequence:
- The end of the 7th Trumpet and the end of the 7th vial are somehow linked.

Timeline up to Rev 11:



WHY GOD'S WRATH?

Believers:

Believers will **NOT** experience God's wrath
 God's heart: He wants all men to be saved
 Jesus died for all men
 Salvation is a free gift



JESUS DIED FOR EVERYBODY

1 Tim 2:3-6

³ For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;
⁴ **Who will have all men to be saved,**
 and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

⁵ For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men,
 the man Christ Jesus;

⁶ **Who gave himself a ransom for all,**
 to be testified in due time.

Heb 2:9

But we see Jesus,
 who was made a little lower than the angels
 for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour;
that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Unbelievers:

Will experience God's wrath

God's wrath will be poured on their:
 Ungodliness, Unrighteousness, Disobedience

WHY GOD'S WRATH?

John 3:18 ¹⁸ He that believeth on him is not condemned:
 but **he that believeth not is condemned already,**
 because he hath not believed in
 the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Rom 1:18 ¹⁸ For **the wrath of God** is revealed from heaven
 against **all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men,**
 who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Eph 5:6 ⁶ Let no man deceive you with vain words:
 for because of these things cometh
the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

GOD WANTS ALL MEN TO BE SAVED

John 3:16 ¹⁶ For God so loved the world,
 that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 6:40 ⁴⁰ And this is the will of him that sent me,
 that **every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him,**
 may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Rom 10:13 ¹³ For **whosoever shall call upon**
the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Rev 22:17 ¹⁷ And the Spirit and the bride say, Come.
 And let him that heareth say, Come.
 And let him that is athirst come.
 And **whosoever will,** let him take the water of life freely.

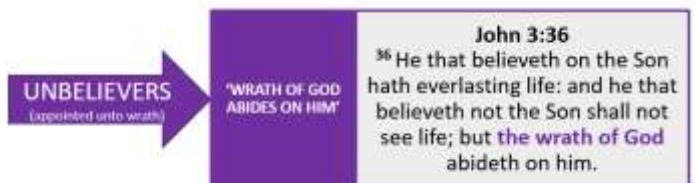
SALVATION IS A FREE GIFT

Rom 5:18

¹⁸ Therefore as by the offence of one
 judgment came upon all men to condemnation;
 even so by the righteousness of one
the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

Eph 2:8-9 ⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith;
 and that not of yourselves: **it is the gift of God:**
⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Rom 6:23 ²³ For the wages of sin is death;
 but **the gift of God** is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord



Rev 21:27 ²⁷ And there shall in no wise enter into it
any thing that defileth,
neither whatsoever worketh abomination,
or maketh a lie:
 but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Col 3:5-6 ⁵ Mortify therefore your members which are upon the
 earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection,
 evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:
⁶ For which things' sake
the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

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