

## SESSION 4 - Handout

### THE WOMAN, THE BEAST AND THE HARVEST

We Cover:

Rev 12, 13, 14, 15, Daniel and others.

#### REVELATION 12:

##### A woman, clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet.

After John's vision in Revelation 11 announcing the 'end' and 'It is done', chapter 12 now restarts the narrative by resetting the clock back 2000 years. Quite unexpectedly, verses 1-2 describe the Birth of Christ!

12:1 "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon head a crown of twelve stars:<sup>2</sup> And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered."

We are given a picture of Mary about to give birth to Jesus. However, she is 'clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of **twelve stars**'. This seems to indicate a bigger picture. It seems that in addition to the description of Mary there is also a parallel representation of Israel, the twelve stars representing the twelve tribes.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WONDER IN HEAVEN</b> <b>A WOMAN</b></p>	
<p>Clothed with the sun Moon under her feet Upon her head a crown with twelve stars. (v1)</p>	
<p>Being with child travailing in birth ... to be delivered. (v2)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">A woman: <b>Mary</b> (giving birth to Jesus)</p>	

Reading the remainder of chapter 12 there is little doubt that the 'Woman' of verse 1-2 is a symbolic representation of Mary which may be expanded to include Israel.

While Mary was the physical mother of Jesus, the additional description of the sun, moon and twelve stars provides substance to a parallel interpretation of the woman being Israel.

A similar precedent where one person represents another is the parallel between David and Jesus. Jesus is, at times, metaphorically referred to as the 'Son of David'.

"... And she brought forth a man child, ....: and her child was caught up unto God.". The reference in verse 5 to Jesus's birth and ascension is clear.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REVELATION 12:5</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">She brought forth a man child (Is 9:6) <b>BIRTH OF CHRIST</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Rule all nations with rod of iron (Rev 19:15-16) <b>REIGN IN THE MILLENNIUM</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Child caught up unto God, to his throne (1 Pet 1:3-5) <b>RESURRECTION OF CHRIST</b></p>

The chapter 12 re-start with Christ's birth also includes a short description of Jesus' future kingship:

..<sup>5</sup> And she **brought forth** a man child,

- who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron:
- and her child was **caught up** unto God,
- and to his throne.

Rev 12:5

##### The rod of iron:

Jesus is identified (in verse 5) as this coming ruler, who will '**rule the nations with an iron rod**'. Revelation 19 reveals that Jesus, after establishing his kingdom, will reign over (the survivors of) the nations with an iron rod, that is, strictly. (Rev 19:15 *And out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron*)

To put the identification of Jesus beyond doubt, it is added that He was **caught up** to the throne of God. Only one person in all of history has so far qualified for such a position, to appear in the presence of God and in the Throne Room of God: Jesus! And so will we, at the rapture, and all who are 'in Christ'.

Jesus, the Son of David, the Messiah, is destined to rule over the entire world as it's only ruler. He will rule over all nations after he establishes his Millennial kingdom following Armageddon. The duration of His rulership on this earth will be a

thousand years, a millennium (Rev 20:1-6). The seventh millennium, a glorious Sabbath millennium of rest, will be the subject of session 6.

Rev 12:3, 4 focusses on a second 'wonder', a dragon wishing to devour the newly born child.

<sup>3</sup> And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.<sup>4</sup> And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to **devour her child** as soon as it was born.. Revelation 12:3-4

Here we have a parallel between Herod and the Antichrist. Herod, under the dragon's influence, aimed to kill Jesus just after he was born. Joseph and Mary had to flee.

ANOTHER WONDER IN HEAVEN A GREAT RED DRAGON	
Having 7 heads and 10 horns.	
7 heads had 7 crowns. (v3)	
His tail drew 1/3 part of the stars of heaven to the earth.	
The dragon stood before the woman. Wanted to devour child when born. (v4)	

So too is there a parallel interpretation applying to the Antichrist, attempting to devour and destroy 'the remnant' of Israel, causing them to flee.

Satan, the devil, is identified as 'the dragon', who has been expelled from heaven. He dragged down a third of all the angels with him. He is cast down to the earth as his only remaining sphere of operation. With the dragon standing before the metaphorical woman, we can make the parallel application: that Satan makes it his first priority, through the person of the Antichrist (the 'beast'), to eliminate all of God's people, starting in Israel.

God responds to Satan's persecution by working a supernatural deliverance for the fleeing children of Israel. They are supernaturally protected and provided with food for 1260 days or 3.5 years in the wilderness.

### The Woman (the 'remnant' of Israel).

<sup>6</sup> And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a **place prepared of God**, that they should **feed her there** a thousand two hundred and threescore (1260) days. (Rev 12:6)

THE WOMAN (Rev 12:6)
The woman <b>fled</b> into the wilderness Place prepared by God They should <b>feed her there</b> for: <b>1,260 days</b>

### War in heaven:

Satan is cast out of heaven. Apparently, Satan still had access to God, accusing believers day and night, like in the story of Job (Job 1:6-12, 2:1-6). At some stage this access will terminate, when however, is hard to say.

One option is, because it is said that he has a short time' (v12), that this may be shortly before the great tribulation.

<sup>7</sup> And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; ...

<sup>9</sup> And the **great dragon was cast out**, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceives the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.....Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the **accuser of our brethren** is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. (Rev 12:7,9)

War in heaven Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels. (v7)	
And prevailed not ... no place in heaven. (v8)	
The great dragon (that old serpent, the Devil, Satan) and his angels were cast to the earth.	
<b>DECEIVES THE WHOLE WORLD</b> (v9)	

### Satan's great wrath against mankind: - persecution

Believers are encouraged to be overcomers (as also described in Revelation 2 and 3), and to endure persecution.

<sup>11</sup> And they **overcame him** by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." <sup>12</sup> Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of

the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knows that he hath but a short time. <sup>13</sup> And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. (Rev 12:11-13)

**'Now is come salvation,  
and strength,  
and the kingdom of our God,  
and the power of his Christ:' (v10)**

The accuser of our brethren is cast down .... (v10)

"They overcame him:  
-> by the blood of the Lamb,  
-> and by the word of their testimony;  
-> and they loved not their lives unto death." (v11)

**BELIEVERS -> MARTYRS**

Rejoice ye heavens!

Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and sea!

The devil has come down to you  
having great wrath,  
for he knows  
**he has a short time.** (v12)

When the dragon saw he was cast to the earth,  
He persecuted  
**THE WOMAN**  
Which brought forth the man child. (v13)

### Supernatural protection to the fleeing Israel: - The Woman (cont'd).

As in verse 6, God delivers the children of Israel supernaturally. In verse 14 we see a similar picture of God's deliverance. But this deliverance requires their obedience and co-operation. His instruction in Matt 24:15-20 is clear and urgent. When those in Judea see 'the abomination of desolation' (Matt 24:15), the Woman, the 'remnant' in Israel at the time, is to flee into the mountains immediately, without even stopping to grab a coat. (Session 2)

**THE WOMAN (Rev 12:14-16)**

Given 2 wings of a great eagle.  
That she might **fly** into the wilderness.

To a **PLACE where she is nourished for  
a time, times & half a time**  
( & protected from the face of the serpent). (v14)

Out of the mouth of the serpent  
-> water as a flood after the woman. (v15)

The earth helped the woman,  
(earth opened her mouth)  
and swallowed up the flood. (v16)

The details of their supernatural deliverance are now described in Revelation 12:13-17:

(13) *And when the dragon (Satan) saw that he had been cast down to the earth, 'he gave chase to the woman' who had born the male child.*

(14) *And to the woman were given two wings of the great eagle so that she might **fly into the desert** to a place prepared for her **where she is going to be sustained** there away from the presence of the serpent for a time and times and half a time.*

(15) *And the serpent spewed forth from his mouth after the woman water like a river in order to sweep her away. (16) And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon had spewed forth from his mouth. (17) And the dragon was enraged at the woman, and he went away to 'make war with the rest of her seed', even those who are keeping the commandments of God and maintaining their testimony to Jesus. (Rev 12:13-17)*

**THOSE THAT FLEE:**

**REPRESENTS: ISRAEL / THE JEWS**

A crown of 12 stars -> 12 tribes

As God looked after Israel in the wilderness,  
so will He do again.....

Verses: Ez 20:34-36, Hos 2:14-23, Ps 72:7-9, Jer 31:1-2, Deut 8

The dragon was wroth (angry)  
with the  
**THE WOMAN**

The dragon went to make war with:

<b>THE REMNANT [G3062] OF THE WOMAN'S SEED</b>	<b>REMNANT [G3062]</b> The others, the rest, the remaining ones
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**THOSE WHO:**  
Keep the commandments of God  
Have the testimony of Jesus Christ (v17)

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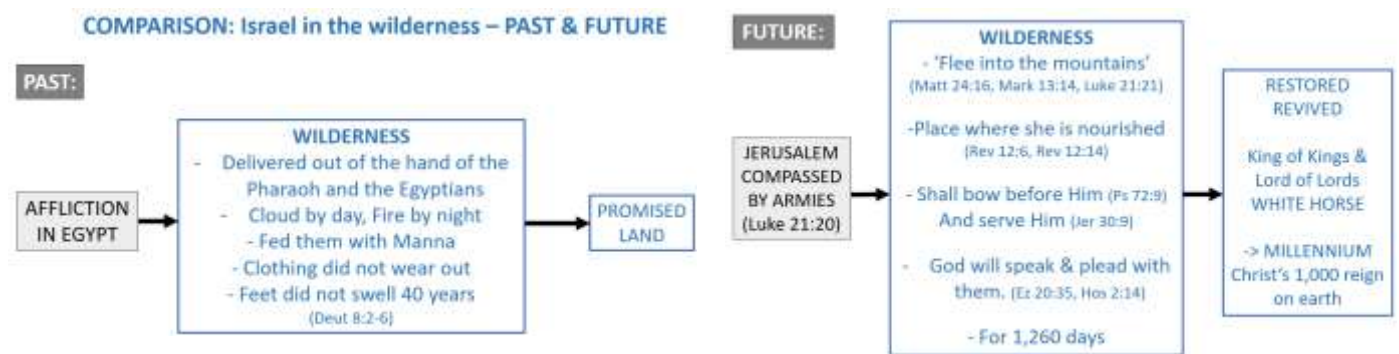
**BELIEVERS**

**The miraculous escape** of Israel fleeing out of the Antichrist's hands:

Israel's escape is a parallel to God's miraculous deliverance of Israel at the time of Pharaoh. The flight of the Woman, Israel, is deliberately compared to the dramatic and miraculous Exodus of Israel, out of Egypt and out of the hands of Pharaoh. "You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. (Exodus 19:4)"

Just as:

- Pharaoh pursued Israel into the desert (wilderness), so will the Woman (the remnant of Israel) be pursued by the Antichrist into the desert.
- God's deliverance from Pharaoh was supernatural, so will the deliverance of the 'Woman' be supernatural.
- God miraculously fed Israel in the desert for many years, so will God miraculously feed the 'Woman' for many years.
- God miraculously preserved their clothing and footwear, so will God also miraculously preserve theirs.
- Israel was in the desert in a **process of preparation for the promised land, so the Woman will be in preparation for entry into the Millennial kingdom of King Jesus.**



This parallel removes any doubt that 'the Woman' refers to "Israel'. Not to every person in Israel, but those in Israel who flee from the Antichrist after he reveals himself. The Antichrist reveals his true intentions when erecting the 'abomination' (Matt 24:15), the 'image of the beast', and orders the world to worship him.

In the Revelation 12 passage, the Pharaoh is functioning as a 'foreshadowing' of the Antichrist (Deut.32:11; cf. Is.40:31): Exactly as God has delivered Israel from Pharaoh in the past, sustaining them in the desert while awaiting their preparation for the promised land, so God delivers a remnant of Israel from the Antichrist, sustaining them in the desert.

The wings of the eagle pictures someone plucked from the trouble on earth below, swiftly departing from the danger below to safety.

**Summary: The Woman:**

The obedient remnant of Israel flees to the mountains, to the desert wilderness east and south of Jerusalem. They may have been warned by the two witnesses, Moses and Elijah. If they wouldn't listen to Jesus' teaching, perhaps they will listen to these two great men of God.

It seems that someone (maybe even some evangelists) will warn those that will listen to flee, when they see the abomination of desolation.

The timeline indicating the time of Israel's protection in the wilderness, during the reign of the Antichrist.



## REVELATION 13:

This is the chapter introducing the Antichrist and the system that put him in power. End time believers, having endured through the escalating troubles of the first four seals, now face the full wrath of Satan, when the fifth seal, worldwide persecution, is opened. At the revealing of the Antichrist during the abomination of desolation (Matt 24:15), the Antichrist demands that he only is worshipped as God. Believers will not comply and will be paying for their refusal. At this time, Satan has also been cast out of heaven (Rev 12:7-9). The persecution now becomes the worst the world has ever seen (Matt 24:21). Buying and selling will become completely impossible for believers. Besides facing starvation, the saints are hunted down and martyred. Surveillance technology will most probably be employed to the full, such that there is hardly any place to hide.

As it has historically occurred during the Inquisition, when Bible believing Christians were persecuted and executed, so the Antichrist system will similarly attempt to pressurise the saints to convince them to relinquish their faith.

We come across the three most unsavoury characters in Revelation 13, forming an unholy trinity. They are as follows:



The Antichrist and the 'beast system' function as a kingdom and a king. At times, in this chapter, the 'beast' refers to the system supporting the Antichrist. However, most of the references are to a 'him', the Antichrist, the 'beast person'.

### THE BEAST 'SYSTEM'

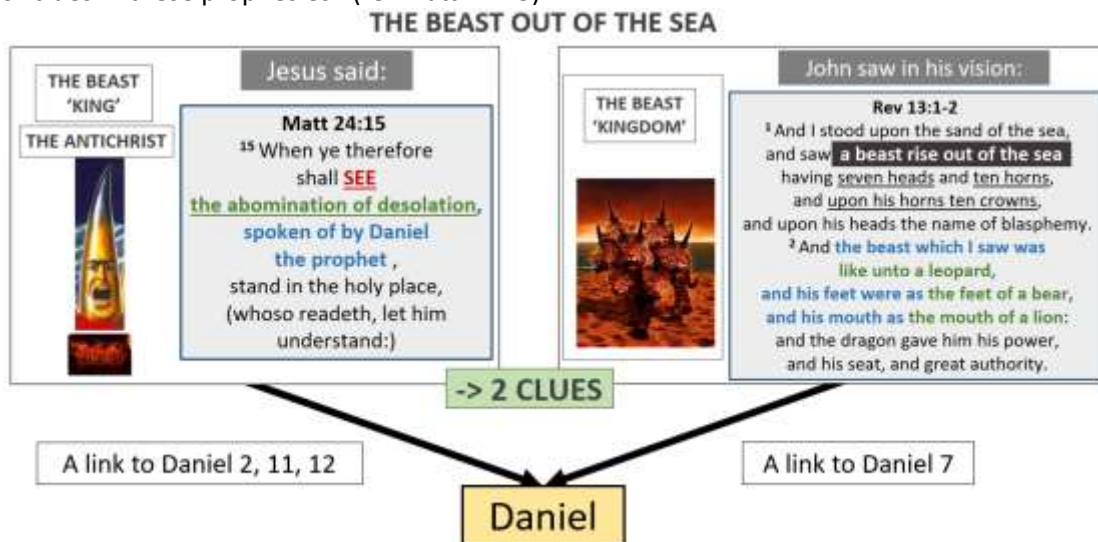
- 4<sup>th</sup> beast is the 4<sup>th</sup> Kingdom
- 10 Kings <- 'little horn'
- The Whore/Mystery Babylon
- Babylon -> Physical  
-> Spiritual



### THE BEAST – THE ANTICHRIST

- The beast
- 'little horn' with eyes & mouth
- He/his/him
- Eyes of a man
- Number of a man

**Daniel's prophecies:** Jesus refers us to the prophecies of Daniel to provide us with more detail regarding the nature of the final world empire and its rulers. In particular, Daniel chapters 2, 7, 8, 11 and 12 are of significance. Jesus asks us to search for clues in these prophecies...(ref Matt 24:15)



The book of Daniel is divided in two distinct sections:

- Chapters one to six contain the events in Daniel’s life, and
- Chapter seven to twelve we find his prophecies about future empires and the future of Israel.

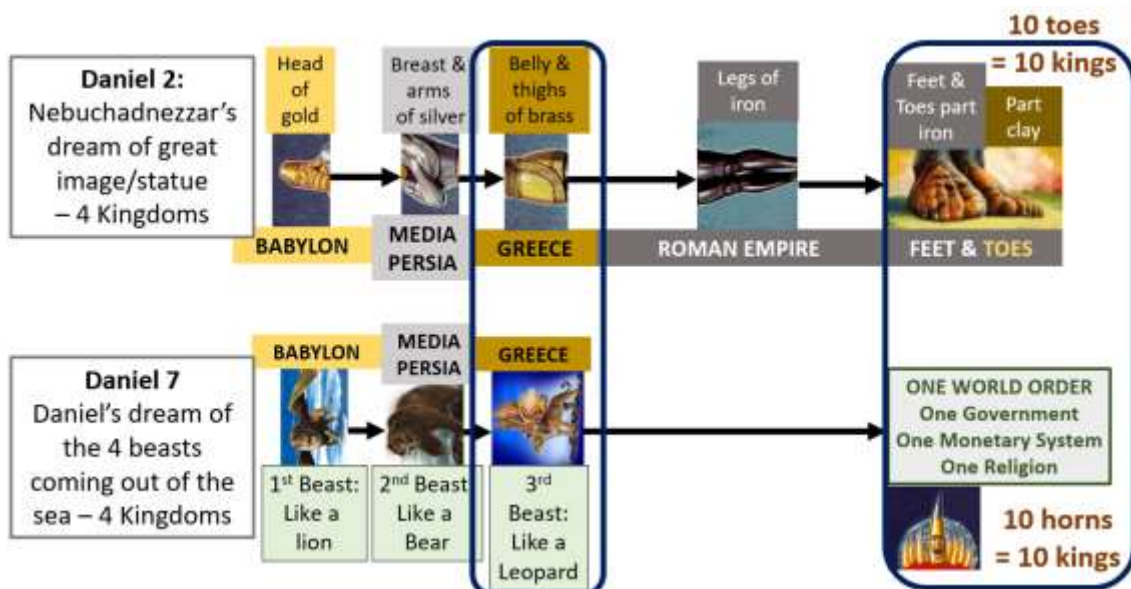
After a six-chapter description of the events in Daniel’s life, we find, in **Daniel 7**, his first prophetic vision. This seems to be later on in Daniel’s life, when he had already experienced a substantial introduction into God’s prophetic words about future empires, and major events to come, through the dreams and actions of Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel’s introduction into these prophetic events, early on in his life, occurred when Nebuchadnezzar had a dream, the dream as recorded in **Daniel 2**. Nebuchadnezzar had a significant dream of a very large statue, for which God gave Daniel the interpretation. We are informed, through the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar’s prophetic dream, that world history would be limited to a further four major empires. The final world kingdom would be ruled over by ten kings represented by the ten toes of the statue. (refer to the diagram below).

Thereafter God would establish His own kingdom on earth, His everlasting kingdom.

Daniel 3 to 6 continues to tell of the main events in Daniel’s life. The fiery furnace, Nebuchadnezzar’s second dream, Belshazzar’s ‘writing on the wall’ and finally, the famous account of Daniel in the Lion’s den. In Daniel 7, his writings change to pure prophecy, received from God through visions. Daniel chapter 7 is the commencement of a series of four prophetic visions in which much more detail about the future of the major nations is provided.

Nevertheless, Daniel 2 may be considered as an important ‘bird’s eye view’ or a ‘big picture’ scenario. Daniel 7 and 8 remain in a ‘big picture’ format. Daniel 7 may even be considered as a condensed version of the book of Revelation.



The Daniel 2 dream represents a very condensed picture of ‘world history’ and a glimpse of what is to come. The four main players in world history, from God’s perspective, are revealed in Daniel 2. Daniel 7 re-confirms these four major players, and then expands on the fourth player, and especially on the last days of the fourth world culture or power. We can conclude that this final ‘one world government’ will be different from previous empires where one nation dominated the rest.

The final world empire, however, will be ruled over by ten kings from a mix of nations. The composition will be a conglomeration of nations (part iron, part clay), indicating a mixture of strong and weak nations. Also note the two feet: the preceding format of the Roman Empire was a division between the Eastern and Western Roman Empires. This division between east and west may remain, although these will be working together for the Antichrist’s purposes. Daniel 11 verifies the accuracy of Daniel’s visions (~536BC), prophesying a step-by-step account of a future Seleucid ruler (168BC). This remarkable prophecy was fulfilled by the emperor Antiochus Epiphanes, who was responsible for the first ‘Abomination of Desolation’, erected in the ‘holy place’.

In Matthew 24:15 Jesus warns that there will be a second fulfillment of Daniel’s prophecy. Someone resembling Antiochus, who serves as a foreshadowing of the Antichrist, will similarly erect a visible ‘Abomination of Desolation’ in the ‘holy place’. (refer to session 2)

Spoken of by DANIEL : Foreshadowing of the Antichrist

The Greek (Seleucid) ruler  
**Antiochus Epiphanes**  
168 BC (Dan 8 & 11)



HE WAS A 'FORESHADOWING' OF THE FUTURE ANTICHRIST

Dan 11:23 <sup>23</sup>... he shall work **deceitfully**: ...

Dan 11:31 <sup>31</sup> And arms shall stand on his part,  
and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength,  
and shall take away the daily sacrifice,  
and they shall **place** the abomination that maketh desolate.

**The everlasting kingdom:** In the final verses in Dan 7 there is this encouragement: 26 *'But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion (the beast's), to consume and destroy it forever. 27 Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.*

This is the establishment of God's everlasting kingdom. A special focus seems to be the function of the saints during the everlasting kingdom. This is much more prominent here than in other prophesies.

- The kingdom and dominion shall be given to the people, the saints.
- The greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given the saints.
- The objective of this high position of the saints is that all dominions shall serve and obey the Most High.

This is very encouraging, and a confirmation that we will be ruling with Christ over a future, everlasting Kingdom. We will all have jobs of some description. Our purpose will be agents to expand and maintain the glorious kingdom of Jesus during the millennium and beyond!

### THE BEAST RISING OUT OF THE SEA. (REV 13:1-8)

The Beast in Rev 13 refers both to a system and to a person. It's similar to a kingdom with a king. Both are needed to describe the final world empire.

### THE BEAST SYSTEM ('KINGDOM').

It seems to be a composite system of many role players:

Verse 1 describes a beast with seven heads and ten horns:

REVELATION 13:1-2	
7 heads & 10 horns with 10 crowns On his heads the name of blasphemy (v1)	
Like a leopard Feet of a bear Mouth of a lion	
The dragon gave him: -> his power -> his seat -> great authority (v2)	
<b>BEAST - 'KINGDOM'</b> (System')	

### Like a leopard:

The beast of Revelation 13's main characteristic is that of a leopard. Although most of us have heard of the mark of the beast, very few have read how the Bible clearly describes this beast and in what manner this beast will operate.

Revelation 13:2 describes a beast of stealth and speed, the main characteristics of a leopard.

*"And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority."* (Rev 13:2)

Jesus refers us in Matthew 24 (Mark 13, Luke 21) to the prophesies of Daniel for end-time detail.

In Daniel 7 the detail of the 'leopard kingdom', the Grecian empire is provided. This kingdom was established by stealth and speed. Alexander the Great's empire is identified as the leopard kingdom in the Daniel's vision. His conquest of the world was much like a leopard's attack, as history tells us that Alexander took the Medes and Persians, many times more numerous, by lightning speed, 'blitzkrieg'.

This is how a leopard operates. It conquers both by stealth and speed. It remains hidden till the last moment, and when it moves it is with lightning speed, such as to catch the unsuspecting prey before they have a possibility to escape. This leopard is also described as having the mouth of a lion (i.e. openly arrogant) and the feet of a bear (trampling everything underfoot).

The description of the rider on the white horse, the first seal of Rev. 6, also confirms that the global 'beast kingdom', will come about by deception and stealth. Hence the beast will take the unsuspecting majority by surprise, as also confirmed by Jesus: 'as a snare it will come on the world' (Luke 21:35).

**Seven heads and ten horns:**

This beast, with seven heads and ten horns, also features in Rev 17 (the 'Babylon' Beast). The seven heads represent the global merging of all previous empires/religions into one beast. From Daniel 2 and Daniel 7, it is foretold that the final empire will be administered by ten kings from different regions all working together behind the scenes, represented by the ten horns on the seven leopard heads. The Antichrist will arise among them as the 11<sup>th</sup> king, subdue three kings and thus end up being the 8<sup>th</sup>. He will make war with the saints and prevail against them. The operation of the seven heads and ten horns is described in more detail in the next session (5).

**The ANTICHRIST ruling over the 'beast system':**

A summary of Rev 13:2-8, 18:

THE BEAST OUT OF THE SEA – THE PERSON -> THE ANTICHRIST
The dragon gave him power, his seat & great authority. (v2)
One of his heads wounded to death. (v3)
His deadly wound was healed. (v3, v12, v14)
All the world wondered after the beast. (v3)
The world worshipped the dragon & the beast. (v4)
The dragon gave power to the beast. (v4)
All the world saying: "Who is like him? Who is able to make war with him? (v4)
Given him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemy. (v5)
Power given to him to continue <b>42 months</b> . (v5)
Blasphemy against God, His name, His tabernacle & them in heaven. (v6)
Given him to make war with the saints & overcome them. (v7)
Power over all kindreds, tongues & nations. (v7)
All that dwell on the earth shall worship him. (v8)
All worship him whose names NOT written in the book of life. (v8)
Number of the beast = Number of a MAN, The number = 666. (v18)



Whenever 'him' is used below, this refers to the antichrist.

REVELATION 13:4-5
 <p>The dragon gave power to the beast. The world worshipped the dragon and the beast. Saying: "Who is like the beast?" "Who is able to make war with <b>him</b>?" (v4)</p> <p>Given <b>him</b> a mouth speaking great things and blasphemy. Power given to <b>him</b> to continue <b>42 Months</b></p>

REVELATION 13:6-7
<p><b>He</b> opened <b>his</b> mouth in: -&gt;blasphemy against God, -&gt;to blaspheme His name, -&gt; and His tabernacle and -&gt; them in heaven. (v6)</p> <p>Given <b>him</b> to make war with the saints and to overcome them Given <b>him</b> power over <b>ALL</b> kindreds, tongues and nations. (v7)</p>

REVELATION 13:8
<p><b>ALL</b> that dwell on the earth shall worship <b>him</b>, whose names are NOT written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (v8)</p> <p>Number of the beast = Number of a man <b>HIS</b> number = 666 (v18)</p>

After establishing himself and taking power, he will arrogantly exalt himself above God and magnify himself in his own heart. In opposition to Jesus, he demands worship as he believes he is the 'saviour of the world': the Anti-Christ.

<p><b>Rev 13:18</b> <sup>18</sup> Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of <b>a man</b>; and <b>his</b> number is Six hundred threescore and six.</p>
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Jesus refers us in Matthew 24 (Mark 13, Luke 21) to the prophesies of Daniel for more end-time detail. Summary of the Antichrist's characteristics obtained from Daniel 8 and 11, (Other than his blasphemies, self-exaltation, forced worship, demonic influence. )  
To identify signs of the Antichrist's personality prior to the Abomination, Daniel gives the following clues:

- Has a fierce countenance, a vile person.



- Obtains the kingdom by flatteries.
- He shall come in peaceably.
- Starts small, a little horn which grows exceedingly great.
- Speaks lies, casts down truth, blasphemes.
- Prospers by deception. Works deceitfully.
- Proud, self-promoting and magnifies himself.
- By peace he shall destroy many.
- He shall destroy the mighty & holy people.
- Takes away the daily 'sacrifice', the sanctuary cast down. (*sacrifice [H8548]* is assumed, but its not in the Hebrew)

### Worship of the Beast:

'... and they worshipped the beast, ...' (Rev 13:4)

**Rev 13:3** <sup>3</sup> 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.**

**Rev 13:4** <sup>4</sup> **And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast,** saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

**Rev 13:8** <sup>8</sup> **And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him,** whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

**Rev 13:12** <sup>12</sup> 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.

### AND THOSE THAT WILL NOT WORSHIP THE BEAST WILL BE KILLED:

**Rev 13:15** <sup>15</sup> 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.**

### Worship and 'the mark':

From **chapters 14 to 20** the receiving of 'the mark' is related to the worship of the beast and his image.

Five further references to the worship of the beast and his image confirm that a visible sign (in the hand or in the forehead) will be required as a sign of allegiance, submission, and worship of the demonically inspired Anti-Christ.

Revelation 14 confirms that any who do so are doomed forever.

### The deadly wound: -

Early on in chapter 13 it seems that there is either an accident or assassination attempt on the Antichrist, or that he receives a wound some other way. This seems to be a physical wound, as a sword is mentioned. The deadly wound is then healed, miraculously.

### WORSHIP OF THE BEAST & HIS IMAGE & RECEIVING THE MARK - RELATED:

**Rev 14:9** 'If any man **worship the beast** and **his image**, and receive **his mark** in his forehead, or in his hand'

**Rev 14:11** 'Who **worship the beast** and **his image**, and whosoever receiveth **the mark** of his name.'

**Rev 16:2** 'upon the men which had **the mark** of the beast, and upon them which **worshipped his image**.'

**Rev 19:20** 'he deceived them that had received **the mark** of the beast, and them that **worshipped his image**.'

**Rev 20:4** 'which had **not worshipped the beast**, neither **his image**, neither had received **his mark** upon their foreheads, or in their hands;'

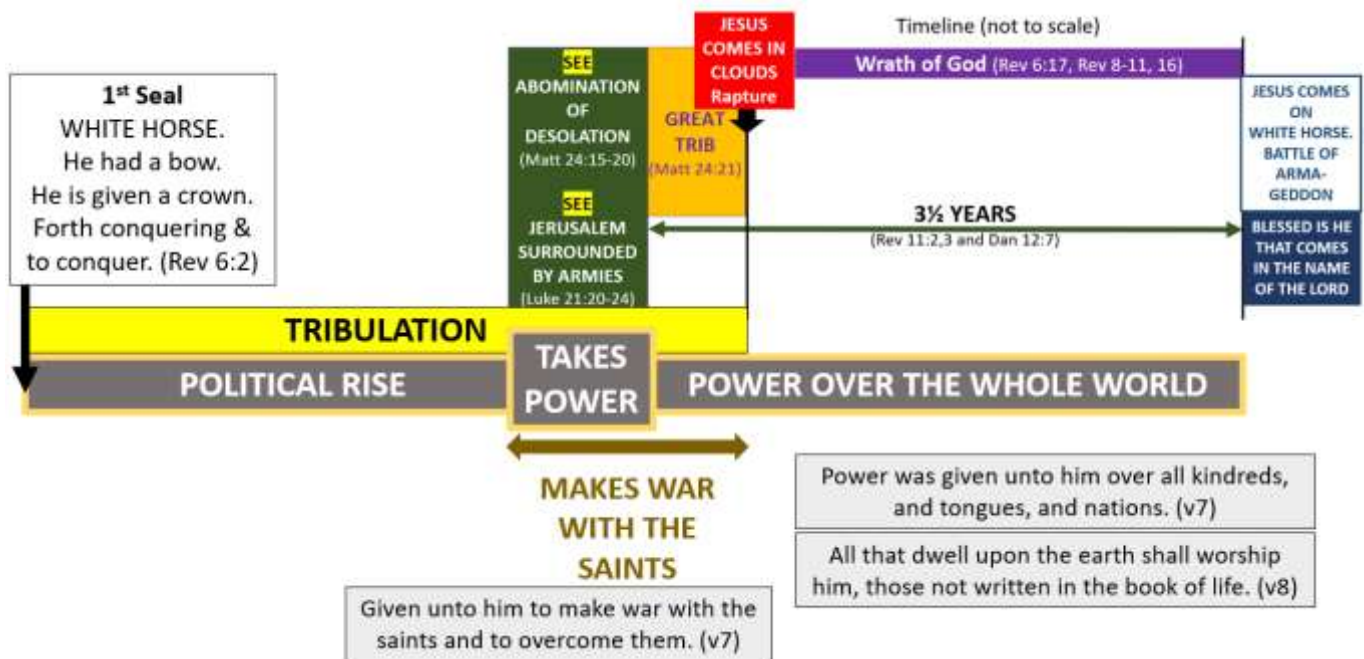
'His deadly wound was healed'. (Rev 13:3)



The beast 'person', the Antichrist, appears to die, or at least is dying, when he is miraculously brought back to life, possibly mimicking Jesus and claiming supernatural power.

From the surrounding verses it seems that the Antichrist might be possessed by Satan after his 'resurrection'.

**Antichrist and his 'Beast System' timeline:**




**THE BEAST OUT OF THE EARTH: (REV 13:11-17)**

**THE FALSE PROPHET:**

What is the role of the False Prophet in the end time?


- He will cause all to worship the Antichrist.
- He will do **great wonders** and miracles.
- Makes fire come down from heaven onto the earth.
- He will **deceive** them that dwell on the earth by miracles he is able to do.
- He will say to all on earth to make an image to the beast.
- He has power to **give life to the image** that the image should speak.
- Causes all to receive a **mark** in their right hand or in their foreheads

THE BEAST OUT OF THE EARTH	
	<p>He had 2 horns like a lamb.</p> <p>He spoke as a dragon. (v11)</p>
<p>He had all the power of the first beast before him.</p> <p>He causes the earth and them that dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. (v12)</p>	

*11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon.<sup>12</sup> And he exercises all the power of the first beast before him, and causes the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.*

*13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,<sup>14</sup> And deceives them that dwell on the earth by the means of those **miracles** which he had power to do in the sight of the beast;*  
 NOTE TO ALL CHRISTIANS: Not all miracles are from God. Miracles on their own are not proof of godliness; they are intended as a blessing for God's children. Pharaoh's magicians could also perform miracles, but these were demonic. Satan tries to mimic Jesus and deceive the nations by all means possible.

THE BEAST OUT OF THE EARTH	
	<p>He does great wonders.</p> <p>He makes fire come down from heaven on earth in the sight of men. (v13)</p>
<p>He has the power to do miracles in the sight of the beast.</p> <p>He deceives them that dwell on the earth by these miracles. (v14)</p>	

THE BEAST OUT OF THE EARTH	
	<p>Says to them on the earth to make <b>an image</b> to the beast, which had a wound by a sword, and did live. (v14)</p>
<p>He has power:</p> <p>-&gt; to give life to <b>the image</b> of the beast</p> <p>-&gt; that <b>the image</b> of the beast should speak.</p> <p>He causes all to be killed that do not worship <b>the image</b> of the beast. (v15)</p>	

*...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.<sup>15</sup> 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*

**Making an image:** The false prophet asks 'the nations' to make this idol.

It seems that this idol will be either virtual (digital) or robotic (physical) as it will be able to speak and monitor worship of the image, in such a way that a non-participant will be killed when not complying.

BUT:

NO CHRISTIAN WILL COMPLY, WE ONLY WORSHIP JESUS.

*16 And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:*

*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.*

THE BEAST OUT OF THE EARTH	
	<p>He causes all, both:</p> <p>-&gt; Small and great</p> <p>-&gt; Rich and poor</p> <p>-&gt; Free and bond</p>
<p>To receive a mark in their right hand or in the foreheads. (v16)</p>	
<p>No man can buy or sell unless they have:</p> <p>-&gt; the mark <u>or</u></p> <p>-&gt; the name of the beast <u>or</u></p> <p>-&gt; the number of his name. (v17)</p>	

## Buying and selling:

In addition to not complying with worshipping 'the image', Christians will also not take the mark. This clear and incontestable restriction puts all Christians before a choice: Do they need to prepare and be self-sufficient at this time? It seems so, for those who can.

We trust God will give us the discernment to identify the global beast system and the Antichrist's 666. He has already given us many clues in the prophesies of Daniel, and at the right time the number of the beast will probably serve as a confirmation of what we have already suspected.

## REVELATION 14: The 144 000, 3 angels and the two sickles

The 144 000 of Rev 7 appear again, the men who were sealed with a protective seal for a purpose. They now seem to appear before the throne singing, and :..." *no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were **redeemed from the earth**. These were redeemed from among men, being the **firstfruits unto God** and to the Lamb. 5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault **before the throne of God**.*' They thus seem to be deceased saints from the 12 tribes, who are sent to earth to witness. They were sealed, as mentioned in Revelation 7, to protect them from being hurt by the fifth trumpet judgement (Rev 9:4).

These men (and the two witnesses) appear to evangelize the unbelieving Jews. In session 3 we have described that there will be two groups of Jews in the end times, those that flee to the wilderness at the abomination and those that don't. In session 3 we also saw that the blindness of Israel will only be lifted shortly before Armageddon. Those Jews not fleeing at the abomination, who miss the rapture due to their spiritual blindness, will thus have to endure the wrath of God judgements. It appears as if the 144 000 will minister to this group of Jews during this time. Those in the wilderness are supernaturally protected and not affected by the Wrath of God. It is of course not excluded that the 144 000 will know about the 'wilderness Jews', and we could perhaps speculate that the 144 000 may also minister in the wilderness and/or use it as a base.

Also not excluded is the possibility that these men will evangelize **all the nations**. After all believers have been raptured, they continue to bring the gospel, thus fulfilling the promise that Abraham's offspring will be a blessing to all nations.

They now appear on Mt Zion. Mount Zion appears to be in heaven:

A Lamb stood on mount Zion. With him a <b>144,000</b>	
	His Father's name written in their foreheads. (v1)
Heard a voice from heaven. Sounded like many waters and a great thunder. Heard the voice of harpers, harping with their harps. (v2)	

The 144,000 are currently in heaven before the throne of God.

A Lamb stood on mount Zion. With him a <b>144,000</b> (Rev 14:11)
The LAMB is referenced 28 times in the book of Revelation. All occurrences relate to heaven, the new Jerusalem, the new heaven and the new earth.
<b>Heb 12:22</b> <sup>22</sup> But ye are come unto <b>mount Zion</b> , and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.
<b>Rom 11:26</b> <sup>26</sup> ...as it is written, There shall come out of <b>Sion</b> the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

*3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.*

*4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goes. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.*

*5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God. (Rev 14:3-4)*

It seems that these men may have been either Old Testament saints that are being sent back to earth to evangelize, or New Testament Jewish believers that were resurrected and are now sent back.

The fact that they are seen as 'firstfruits' makes it hard to think that they were raptured believers.

**The proclamations by the 3 angels:**

<p><b>ANOTHER ANGEL (the first angel) HAVING THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL:</b></p>	
<p>Preach to all that dwell on the earth: -&gt; to every nation, kindred, tongue &amp; people. (v6)</p>	
<p><b>Saying:</b> Fear God. Give glory to Him. The hour of God's judgment is come.</p>	
<p>Worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea and the fountains of waters.</p>	

**The first angel** appears proclaiming the everlasting gospel to **ALL** that dwell on the earth.

Every person on earth will hear the Gospel, Jesus' free gift of eternal life to whosoever will believe.

**Second angel's proclamation:**

Babylon (session 5) represents wickedness and idolatry through the ages. It represents a morally corrupt system, a pagan religion or worldview and also a physical place (great city), all in one term.

In revelation 18:4 believers are warned not to participate in any of Babylon system: *Come out her of my people!*

*"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."*

<p><b>ANOTHER ANGEL (the second angel) Saying:</b></p>	
<p>Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city.</p>	
<p>Because she made <b>all nations</b> drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.</p>	

Revelation 18 describes the destruction of the physical Babylon and its underpinnings. Where the location of "that great city", the centre of wickedness is, is not 100% clear.

**The Third Angel: A Final Warning**

**'ANY MAN' who:**

- Worships the beast and his image.
- Receives the mark in the forehead or right hand.

**IS DOOMED FOREVER...**

- The smoke of their torment ascends forever.
- They have no rest day or night.

To emphasise the seriousness, it is repeated:

- who worship the beast and his image,
- whosoever receives **the mark of his name**.

<p><b>The third ANGEL Saying with a loud voice:</b></p>	
<p>The wrath of God will come on <b>any man who worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark in his forehead or in his hand.</b> (v1)</p>	
<p>They shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and the Lamb. (v10)</p>	
<p>The smoke of their torment will ascend up for ever &amp; they will have no rest day nor night, <b>who worship the beast and his image, whosoever receives the mark of his name.</b> (v11)</p>	

**Believers, martyrs persevere** in their faith during the GREAT TRIBULATION.

Christians will experience extreme persecution for their faith.

They **will not** trade their eternity with Jesus for a couple of miserable extra years on this corrupted earth!

*12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.*

*13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, **Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord** from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.*

## The gathering of the saints (Rapture):

Session 1 & 2 have described what the Bible clearly teaches....Jesus's second coming is on the clouds!

Here in Revelation 14 we have a confirmation of this event, the Son of Man appearing on a cloud!

He has a crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand...



Following this we expect to have some mention of the rapture...and we get it.

Jesus is holding the sickle and is reaping the harvest!  
*"And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped."*

The gathering of the saints, the harvest of the bride of Christ!

Another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud:

"Thrust in thy sickle and reap. The time is come for thee to reap. The harvest of the earth is ripe". (v15)

He that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth.

The earth was reaped. (v16)

**THE RAPTURE**      **BELIEVERS**

## The Wrath of God poured out on the wicked:

As in Revelation 6, we now expect the judgements of God on this wicked world to be poured out.

A second angel appears with another sickle, to gather and destroy the Christ-rejecting Antichrist worshippers.

Another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, having a sharp sickle. (v17)

And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire:

He cried with a loud cry, saying: "Thrust in thy sharp sickle. Gather the clusters of the vine of the earth. Her grapes are fully ripe" (v18)

This time an angel thrusts in the sickle into the earth, *"and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God."*

*20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs."*

The angel thrust in his sickle into the earth.

The vine was gathered from the earth.

**UNBELIEVERS**

Cast into the great winepress of: (v19)

**The wrath of God**

The winepress was trodden outside the city. Blood came out even unto the horse bridles. 1,600 furlongs. (v20)

1 Furlong = 201.168m

## REVELATION 15:

After the six trumpet judgements of Revelation 8 and 9 (session 3), we have a further seven plagues to follow. Seven angels appear with the seven **last plagues**. These are the seven vials or bowls to be poured out on this earth. These appear to occur before the seventh trumpet of Revelation 11.

Another sign in heaven: Great and marvellous.  
7 angels having the 7 last plagues.  
In them is filled up the wrath of God. (v1)



As in Rev 8, where there was silence and an offering of prayer before the start of the judgements, so here also is an interlude before the bowl judgements.

A multitude appears before the throne singing two songs: a song of praise and a song of judgement.

**The song of judgement:**

Moses, when at the end of his days, warned Israel in a song, before they entered the promised land, to remember God their deliverer and to expect his judgement if they depart from his ways.

This song is now sung as a reminder of why the wrath is coming:

3 And they sing the **song of Moses** the servant of God

<p><b>The SONG OF MOSES (v3) - Deut 32</b></p> <p>Deut 31:30 'And Moses spake in the ears of the congregation of Israel the <u>words of this song</u>, until they were ended.'</p> <p>Deut 32:1 'Give ear, O ye <b>heavens</b>, and I will speak; and hear, O <b>earth</b>, the words of my mouth.'</p> <p><sup>35</sup>To me belongeth vengeance and recompence; <sup>36</sup>For the LORD shall judge his people,.....</p> <p><sup>41</sup>.....and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.</p>
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<sup>7</sup>And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever.

<sup>8</sup>And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

"2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire:"

<p>John saw a sea of glass mingled with fire.</p>	<p>Where is the sea of glass?</p> <p>Rev 4:6 "And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal"</p>
<p>Standing on the sea of glass them that had gotten victory: over the beast over his image over his mark over the number of his name.</p> <p><b>MULTITUDE BEFORE THE THRONE</b> They had the harps of God</p>	

They sang **the song of the Lamb:**

*Great and marvellous are thy works,  
Lord God Almighty;  
just and true are thy ways,  
thou King of saints.*

*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.*

God's heavenly tabernacle is now opened:

*5 And after that I looked, and, behold, the **temple of the tabernacle of the testimony** in heaven was opened:*

*6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.*

<p>The temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. (v5)</p> <p>The 7 angels came out of the temple, having the 7 plagues.</p>	
	<p>Clothed in pure and white linen, golden girdle around their breasts. (v6)</p>