

Chapter 15

"What's Next?"

So, now we have come full circle. Remember the purpose of this period is twofold, primarily for the Jews coming to faith and accepting that Jesus is the Messiah, and secondarily for the judgment of the Gentile world. During that time, all hell will break loose, literally. Only Jesus has the power to make things right, however, it's going to get worse before it gets better. Nonetheless, Christ will win in the end. Below is an overview of the [Book of Revelation](#) with important key verses. Let's take a moment to clarify an incorrect understanding of the term "Apocalypse." Nearly everyone, both the church and unchurched, have heard the terms Armageddon, Rapture, Tribulation, and Apocalypse. However, many of both groups are uneducated on the correct meaning of those terms. Trust me they have nothing to do with vampires, zombies, or walking dead. Apocalypse is incorrectly identified as a horrible final event or war or a harbinger of doom. The correct definition of Apocalypse is a Greek term meaning "to reveal" or "to remove the curtain," a Revelation. Through John, God lays out His final seven-year plan to reclaim those souls left after in the Rapture, Jew, and Gentile. Notice below chart does not give specific definitions of the length of time each calamity takes. Some may take days, some might take weeks or months. The only time of note is the half way point (7 years split in half equals 3 1/2 years each) at the abomination of desolation mentioned in [Daniel 9:27](#), [Matthew 24:15](#), and [Revelation 13:5-7](#) "5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to "continue" forty and two months (second half 3 1/2 years). 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. 7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations."

The first half is called the Tribulation and the second half is called the Great Tribulation. The [Book of Revelation](#) breaks down the first half of the Tribulation in chapters 6-11, where we see the arrival of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse (also the first 4 seals), followed by the remaining 3 of the 7 seals, after which point we have the sealing of the 144,000, the seven trumpets, and closing out the first half, the introduction of the two witnesses. Chapter 12 details the midpoint with the woman giving birth and the Dragon lying in wait to devour the child. The Great Tribulation begins the second half in chapter 13, detailing the Beasts of the Sea and of the Earth, the 144,000 once again, and ending with the final seven bowls including the gathering of Satan's forces at Armageddon in chapter 16. In chapters 17 through the 1st half of 19, speaks about the Scarlet Woman, mystery Babylon, the Final Battle, Christ's arrival as Messiah where He completes His final victory, and lastly, the Beast and the False Prophet being thrown into the lake of fire. The 2nd half of chapter 19 through chapter 22, we are given details about Satan being bound and cast into the lake of fire while we rule with Christ on earth for 1,000 years, aka the Millennium. It then closes out with God recasting the earth and heaven into a new earth and new heaven where we will live for eternity.

CHAPTER	VERSES	TITLE	KEY VERSE (S)
6	1-2	First Seal: The Conqueror	"2 And I saw, and behold, a white horse. And he that sat on it had a bow, and a crown was given unto him, and he went forth conquering and to conquer."
	3-4	Second Seal: Conflict on Earth	"4 And there went out another horse that was red. And power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another, and there was given unto him a great sword."

5-6 Third Seal: Scarcity on Earth	“ ⁵ And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.”	
7-8 Fourth Seal: Widespread Death on Earth	“ ⁸ And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.”	
9-11 Fifth Seal: The Cry of the Martyrs	“ ¹⁰ And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? ¹¹ And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.”	
12-17 Sixth Seal: Cosmic Disturbances	“ ¹² And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; “ “ ¹⁶ And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: ¹⁷ For the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?”	
7	1-8 The Sealed of Israel	“ ⁴ And I heard the number of them which were sealed. And there were sealed an hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel: “
	9-17 A Multitude from the Great Tribulation	“ ⁹ After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; ¹⁰ And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.”
8	1-6 Seventh Seal: Prelude to the Seven Trumpets	“ ¹ And when He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.”

- 7 First Trumpet: Vegetation Struck “⁷ The first angel sounded: and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth. And a third part of the trees was burned up, and all green grass was burned up. “
- 8-9 Second Trumpet: The Seas Struck “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.”
- 10-11 Third Trumpet: The Waters Struck “¹¹ The name of the star is called Wormwood. And the third part of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from of the waters because they were made bitter.”
- 12-13 Fourth Trumpet: The Heavens Struck “¹² And the fourth angel sounded: and a third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and a third part of the stars, so as the third of them were darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.”
- 9 1-12 Fifth Trumpet: The Locusts from the Bottomless 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 striketh 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.”
- 13-21 Sixth Trumpet: The Angels from the Euphrates “¹⁴ Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. ¹⁵ 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.”
- 10 1-7 The Mighty Angel with the Little Book “¹ And 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.”
- 8-11 John Eats the Little Book “¹⁰ And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly

was bitter. ¹¹ And he said unto me, thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.”

- 11 1-6 The Two Witnesses “³ And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. ⁴ These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. ⁵ And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. ⁶ 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.”
- 7-10 The Witnesses Killed “⁷ And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.”
- 11-14 The Witnesses Resurrected “¹¹ And after three days and an half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.”
- 15-19 Seventh Trumpet: The Kingdom Proclaimed “¹⁵ And the seventh angel sounded; and there were 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.”
- 12 1-6 The Woman, the Child, and the Dragon “¹ And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: ² And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. ³ 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.”
- 7-12 Satan Thrown Out of Heaven “⁹ And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”
- 13-17 The Woman Persecuted “¹³ And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.”

13	1-10	The Beast from the Sea	<p>“¹ And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.”</p> <p>“⁸ 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.”</p>
	11-18	The Beast from the Earth	<p>“¹¹ And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.” and “¹⁶ And he causeth 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 (666).”</p>
14	1-5	The Lamb and the 144,000	<p>“¹ And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.” and “⁴ These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.”</p>
	6-13	The Proclamations of Three Angels	<p>“⁹ And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, ¹⁰ The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.”</p>
	14-16	Reaping the Earth's Harvest	<p>“¹⁶ And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.”</p>
	17-20	Reaping the Grapes of Wrath	<p>“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.”</p>

15	1-18	Prelude to the Bowl Judgments	“ ¹ And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.” and “ ⁷ And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.”
16	1-2	First Bowl: Loathsome Sores	“ ² And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.”
	3	Second Bowl: The Sea Turns to Blood	“ ³ And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.”
	4-7	Third Bowl: The Waters Turn to Blood	“ ⁴ And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.”
	8-9	Fourth Bowl: Men Are Scorched	“ ⁸ And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.”
	10-11	Fifth Bowl: Darkness and Pain	“ ¹⁰ And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, ¹¹ And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.”
	12-16	Sixth Bowl: Euphrates Dried Up	“ ¹² And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.” “ ¹⁶ And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.”
	17-21	Seventh Bowl: The Earth Utterly Shaken	“ ¹⁷ And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. ¹⁸ And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.”

17	1-6	The Scarlet Woman and the Scarlet Beast	“ ³ So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. ⁴ And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication.”
	7-18	The Meaning of the Woman and the Beast	“ ⁷ And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.”
18	1-8	The Fall of Babylon the Great	“ ² And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.”
	9-20	The World Mourns Babylon’s Fall	“ ⁹ And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, ¹⁰ Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.”
	21-24	Finality of Babylon’s Fall	“ ²¹ And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.”
19	1-10	Heaven Exults over Babylon	“ ⁷ Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. ⁸ And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. ⁹ And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.”

11-16 Christ on a White Horse	<p>“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.” and “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.”</p>	
17-21 The Beast and His Armies Defeated	<p>“²⁰ And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.”</p>	
20	1-3 Satan Bound 1,000 Years	<p>“¹ And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ² And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years.”</p>
	4-6 The Saints Reign with Christ 1,000 Years	<p>“⁴ And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”</p>
	7-10 Satanic Rebellion Crushed	<p>“⁷ And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, ⁸ And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.”</p>
	11-15 The Great White Throne Judgment	<p>“¹¹ And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.”</p>

21	1-8 All Things Made New	“ ¹ And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.” and “ ⁴ And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”
	9-21 The New Jerusalem	“ ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, ¹¹ Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.”
	22-27 The Glory of the New Jerusalem	“ ²² And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. ²³ And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.”
22	1-5 The River of Life	“ ¹ And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.”
	6-11 The Time Is Near	“ ⁷ Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.” and “ ¹⁰ And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.”
	12-17 Jesus Testifies to the Churches	“ ¹² And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. ¹³ I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.”
	18-19 A Warning	“ ¹⁸ For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: ¹⁹ And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book (Book of Life).”
	20-21 I Am Coming Quickly	“ ²⁰ He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!”