



End Times Event Sequence

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This study examines the sequence of events that will occur at the end of time. Events are roughly in the order in which it is believed they will occur. There is of course uncertainty since God has not revealed all details and timing to us yet.

The Great Apostasy: II Thessalonians 2:1-3; I Timothy 4:1-4; Revelation 3:15-18

Timing: Already begun and ongoing

War of Gog and Magog: Ezekiel 38:1-9, 15-16, 18-19, 21-23

Timing: Unknown, but very possibly before the Rapture and surely before the covenant between Israel and the Antichrist (it may very well precipitate the covenant)

The Destruction of Damascus: Isaiah 17:1

The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.

Notes: Damascus is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities and has definitely been continuously inhabited since this prophecy was given around 740 B.C.

Timing: Unknown

The Rapture of the Church: I Thessalonians 4:16-17 (also I Corinthians 15:51-52)

¹⁶For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

¹⁷Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Timing: Unknown (Matthew 24:36, Matthew 24:42, Matthew 25:13, Acts 1:7); logically would occur at the Feast of Trumpets (Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, which occurs in September or October) as the 5th fulfillment of a Jewish feast by Christ

The Judgment Seat: II Corinthians 5:10 (also Romans 14:10 and I Corinthians 3:10-4:5 roughly)

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.

Notes: For Christians only.

Timing: After the Rapture and very likely to take place in Heaven while the Tribulation runs its course on Earth; unseen from Earth's perspective

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb: Revelation 19:6-9

⁶And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

⁷Let 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.

⁸And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

⁹And 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.

Timing: After the Rapture and very likely to take place in Heaven after the Judgment Seat while the Tribulation completes on Earth; unseen from Earth's perspective

Ten World Leaders: Daniel 7:24a

And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise...

Timing: These leaders may begin appearing and the partitioning of the world into 10 regions may begin before the Rapture, but it will fully occur before the Antichrist is revealed

Seal Judgment #1 - Appearance of the Antichrist: Daniel 7:24b and Revelation 6:1-2

²⁴ *...and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first...*

¹ *And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.*

² *And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.*

Timing: The Antichrist comes to power after the 10 world leaders are established.

Covenant between Israel and the Antichrist: Daniel 9:27

²⁷ *And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: ...*

Notes: This triggers the clock for timing the seven year Tribulation.

Timing: Unknown, but likely after the Rapture of the Church and after the Antichrist is established as a world leader.

Building of the Third Jewish Temple: II Thessalonians 2:3-4 (also see Daniel 9:27, 11:31)

³ *Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;*

⁴ *Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.*

Timing: Building of the third temple is inferred from scriptures that speak of a temple being in existence. Likely built after the War of Gog and Magog, although beginning of construction could trigger the War itself. Construction of the Temple may be part of the Covenant between Israel and the Antichrist and so after the rise of the Antichrist.

The Two Witnesses: Revelation 11:3-4, 7-10

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.*

Notes: Enoch and Elijah or Moses? Will prophesy for 3.5 years, likely through the first half of the tribulation.

Seal Judgment #2 - The Red Horseman / Three World Leaders Defeated:

Revelation 6:3-4 and Daniel 7:24c (see also Daniel 7:8,19-20)

²⁴ *...and he shall subdue three kings.*

³ *And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.*

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.*

Notes: It is possible this seal judgment is a violent war to defeat the rebellious leaders.

Timing: The Antichrist crushes a rebellion by 3 of the 10 world leaders after he comes to power.

Seal Judgment #3 - The Black Horseman: Revelation 6:5-6

⁵And 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.

⁶And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

Notes: A symbol of famine and disease, common in the aftermath of war (Seal Judgment #2); note the descriptions of inflation as well

Seal Judgment #4 - The Pale Horseman: Revelation 6:7-8

⁷And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

⁸And 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.

Notes: That Hades is following indicates that those being killed (a quarter of the population of the Earth) are unbelievers.

Seal Judgment #6 - The Great Earthquake: Revelation 6:12-17

¹²And 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;

¹³And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

¹⁴And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

¹⁵And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

¹⁶And 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:

¹⁷For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Notes: Earthquakes, volcanoes (sun blackened and moon red due to volcanic ash), and meteorites falling to Earth

The 144,000 Jewish Witnesses: Revelation 7:3-8

³Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

⁴And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

⁵Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.

⁶Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.

⁷Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.

⁸Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

Trumpet Judgment #1 - Hail, Fire, and Blood: Revelation 8:7

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.

Timing: The Trumpet judgments occur in the first half of the Tribulation after the Seal Judgments

Trumpet Judgment #2 - A Mountain of Fire: Revelation 8:8-9

⁸And 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;

⁹And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

Trumpet Judgment #3 - Wormwood: Revelation 8:10-11

¹⁰And 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;

¹¹And 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.

Trumpet Judgment #4 - Darkness: Revelation 8:12

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.

Trumpet Judgment #5 - The Locusts of Apollyon: Revelation 9:1-11

Notes: A nonlethal judgment against unbelievers only in order to intentionally contrast them against Christians with the aim of helping unbelievers realize that Christians have found the truth.

Trumpet Judgment #6 - The Four Angels and 200,000,000 Horsemen: Revelation 9:13-19

Notes: A third of humanity (unbelievers only) is killed. Also a contrasting judgment to unaffected Christians, and an extreme one as this is the last opportunity to reach unbelievers before the Mark of the Beast is introduced, the receipt of which prevents any future possibility of salvation.

Desecration of the Temple / The Abomination of Desolation: Daniel 9:27

²⁷And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Timing: At the midpoint of the 7-year Tribulation.

Assassination and Resurrection of the Anti-Christ: Revelation 13:3

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.

Notes: If this scripture is speaking literally, it appears the Antichrist will be killed and then resurrected as a cheap imitation of the resurrection of Christ. Will this be done in response to the desecration of the Temple?

Timing: Near the middle of the Tribulation

Mark of the Beast: Revelation 13:16-18

¹⁶And 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:

¹⁷And 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.

¹⁸Here 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.

Notes: It is quite possible that once the Mark of the Beast is imposed that soon no more Christians will remain on the Earth. Taking the Mark precludes the possibility of being saved (Revelation 14:9-11).

Timing: Near the midpoint of the Tribulation

Martyring of the Saints: Revelation 13:7, 15

⁷And 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.

...

¹⁵And 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.

Notes: It is possible that around this time virtually all remaining Christians will be martyred. Revelation 13:15 says those who do not worship the image of the Beast are killed. They will not have the Mark and so will not be able to buy and sell. This is after the Antichrist is given permission to make war with the saints (Revelation 13:7). Within a few verses the 144,000 are seen in Heaven.

Bowl Judgment #1 - Sores: Revelation 16:2

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.

Bowl Judgment #2 - Sea Turns to Blood: Revelation 16:3

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.

Bowl Judgment #3 - Rivers Turn to Blood: Revelation 16:4-7

⁴And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

⁵And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

⁶For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

⁷And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.

Bowl Judgment #4 - The Sun Scorches: Revelation 16:8-9

⁸And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

⁹And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

Bowl Judgment #5 - Darkness over Babylon: Revelation 16:10-11

¹⁰And 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,

¹¹And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

Bowl Judgment #6 - The Euphrates Dries Up: Revelation 16:12

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.

Bowl Judgment #7 - The Great Earthquake: Revelation 16:17-21

¹⁷And 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.

¹⁸And 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.

¹⁹And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

²⁰And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

²¹And 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.

The Glorious Appearing: Revelation 19:11-16 (also Matthew 24:30-31)

¹¹And 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.

¹²His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

¹³And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

¹⁴And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

¹⁵And 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.

¹⁶And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King Of Kings, And Lord Of Lords.

Armageddon: Revelation 19:17-21

¹⁷And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

¹⁸That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

¹⁹And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

²⁰And 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.

²¹And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

Binding of Satan for the Millennium: Revelation 20:1-3

¹And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

²And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

³And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

The First Resurrection / The Millennium: Revelation 20:4-6

⁴And 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.

⁵But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

⁶Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Notes: For Christians that died during the Tribulation.

The Last Rebellion: Revelation 20:7-10

⁷And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

⁸And 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.

⁹And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

¹⁰And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Great White Throne Judgment / Second Death: Revelation 20:11-15 (also Matthew 25:31-46)

¹¹And 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.

¹²And 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.

¹³And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

¹⁴And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

¹⁵And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Notes: For unbelievers only. They are resurrected to be judged at the Great White Throne Judgment.

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