# Turn on the Recorder





## Logos Class Book of Revelation- Ch 7

**July 27, 2025 Rooms 123/124 New Building** 

## Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- √ July 20, 2025
- Revelation Ch 6 A Seals 1-6
- ✓ July 27, 2025
- Revelation Ch 6B & 7

• Aug 3, 2025

- Charlie Owens to teach

• Aug 10, 2025

- Charlie Owens to teach

• Aug 17, 2025

- Dr. Mark Miller to teach

We will be out on vacation for 3 Sundays,

I am excited for you to hear both Charlie and Mark

## Quick Update ...ICYMI

#### Middle East

- Israel is about to rename part of the "West Bank" to Judea and Samaria in line with the Biblical Names
- No progress on Hostages or an end to the Gaza war. Both the US and Israel have withdrawn from talks due to demands by Hamas. Israel is amping up their military push into Gaza, controlling more than 60% of the land now.
- Hopeful for the Abraham Accord & new peace treaties
- The Syrian conflict seems to be settling down for now
- Iran is still causing problems

#### **US/World**

- US is putting new sanctions on both Russia and Iran
- Not much new in the Ukraine/Russian War, except we are sending weapons again to Ukraine. NATO Baltic states are putting missile defense at the Russian Border
- Earthquakes, Floods, volcanic eruptions, famine, and disease.
- France is about to recognize Palestine as a State...much backlash

## Revelation – How the Book of Revelation Unfolds- 1

The book of Revelation presents Jesus Christ in 3 areas: His Person, His Power, His Program This unfolds in **5 Parts:** 

#### Part 1: Rev 1-3 - Jesus and His Church

- ✓ Introductions 1:1-8
- ✓ Unexpected Meeting 1:9-20
- ✓ Introduction to the Church
- ✓ Love Letters to the 7 churches (several lessons) Finish today

#### Part 2: Rev 4-5 – Journey to Heaven

- ✓ Heaven's Open Door- Ch 4
- ✓ Lion and Lamb Ch 5

## Revelation - How the Book of Revelation Unfolds - 2

#### Part 3 – The Judgments of the Lamb – Rev 6-18

- ✓ The lamb opens the seals Ch 6
- ✓ First interlude Ch 7 144,000 Jews sealed by the Lord

The Trumpets sound – Chapters 8-9

Second Interlude – Part 1 - John eats the book – Ch 10

Second Interlude – Part 2 – Two witnesses

Third Interlude – Part 1 – The Invisible War – Ch 12

Third Interlude – Part 2 – Antichrist comes to power – Ch 13

Third Interlude – Part 3 – Preview of things to come – Ch 14

A Song for the End – Ch 15

The Pouring of the Bowls – Ch 16

The Fall of Babylon – Ch 17-18

## Revelation - How the Book of Revelation Unfolds - 3

Part 4 — The Reign of the King — Rev 19-20

The Return of the King — Ch 19

Wrapping Things Up — Ch 20

Part 5: Eternity – Rev 21-22

All things new – Ch 21-22:5

Even So...Come – Ch 22:6-21

Maranatha!!

## Revelation Chapters 4-5









## Before we begin Rev Ch 7...

I mentioned last week that the judgments to come from the 7 seals mark the beginning of the Tribulation period, and that we, as Christians, will not be on Earth during this period.

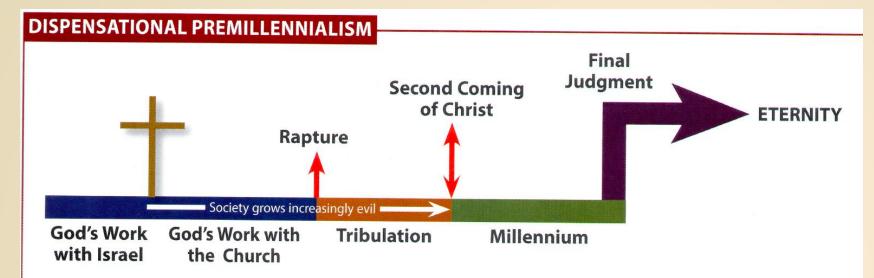
These SEAL judgments come in the first 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  years of the Tribulation mostly, but the  $7^{th}$  SEAL contains the 7 trumpet judgments, and the  $7^{th}$  Trumpet judgment contains the 7 vial/bowl judgments. So, the scroll with the 7 seals actually contains 21 judgments that play out over more than 3.5 years.

#### Why is this important to remember?

Many believers think the first half of the tribulation is not too bad and that the Church may have to go through it. But I will remind you that the first 6 seals were devastating, and the trumpet judgments will also be. Another reason I believe that in taking the Bible <u>literally</u>, that Christians will be saved from the Wrath of God, means we are gone before the 1<sup>st</sup> seal is broken

All of the judgments are the Wrath of God on man and the earth. Later, on Satan and his cohorts

## Four Basic Views of The End Times – Dispensational



#### What is dispensational premillennialism?

It is the belief that Jesus will come back to earth after a seven-year tribulation and will rule during a thousand-year millennium of peace on earth. God will still give to the nation of Israel the land described in Genesis 15:18. All references to Israel in Revelation refer to the nation of Israel. Most who hold this view are "pre-tribulationists"; they understand Revelation 4:1–2 to refer to the rapture. The rapture is the event when Christ removes Christians from the earth before the great tribulation begins. The rapture and the second coming of Jesus are two separate events. Others who hold this view are "mid-tribulationists"; they believe the rapture will occur during the tribulation.

#### What Scriptures seem to support this view?

God will remove Christians before the tribulation (1 Thess. 5:9; Rev. 3:10). God's promises to Abraham and his offspring were unconditional (Gen. 15:7–21). The church is not specifically mentioned between Revelation 4 and 19.

#### When has this view been popular?

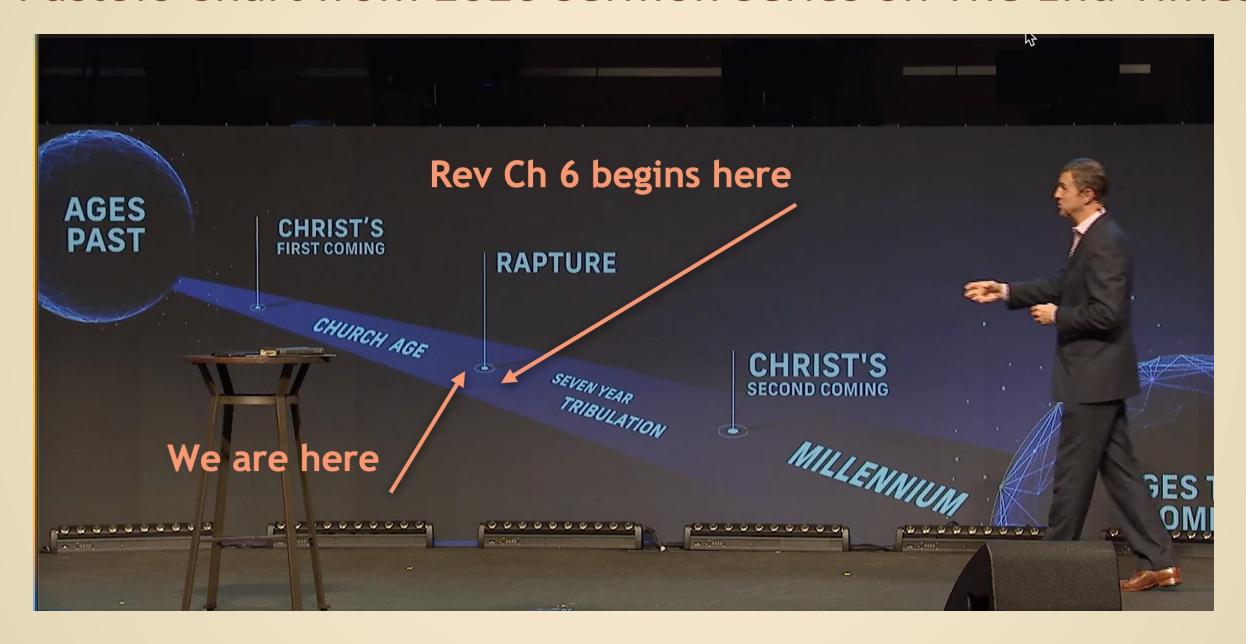
This view emerged in the 1800s among the Plymouth Brethren. It increased in popularity in the late 1800s and remains widespread today. Supporters include J. Nelson Darby, C.I. Scofield, Harry A. Ironside, Gleason Archer, Donald G. Barnhouse, Hal Lindsey, Chuck Smith, John MacArthur, Charles Ryrie, Charles Stanley, Norman L. Geisler, and Tim LaHaye.

This is also called Pre-Trib,
Pre-Millennial. Two
separate times when
Christ returns for His
Church

- Rapture
- Second Coming
   Differences in the timing
   of the Rapture demarcate
   keys
  - ✓ PRE-TRIB
  - MID-TRIB
  - POST-TRIB

This is the view of Pastor Jeff and has been taught at FRC End Times Series

### Pastors Chart from 2020 Sermon Series on The End Times



## Contrasts between the Rapture and 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

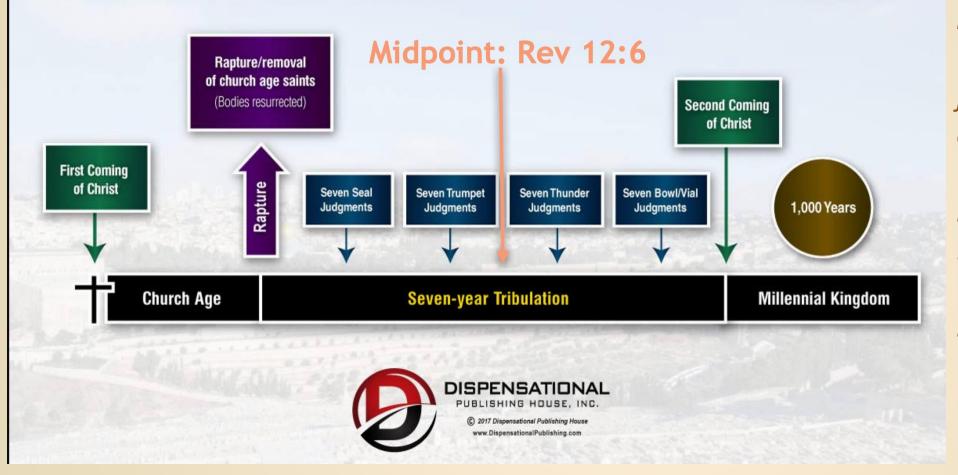
#### Rapture/Translation

- 1 Translation of all believers
- 2 Translated saints go to heaven
- 3 Earth not judged
- 4 Imminent, any-moment, sign less
- 5 Not in the Old Testament
- 6 Believers only
- 7 Before the day of wrath
- 8 No reference to Satan
- 9 Christ comes for His own
- 10 He comes in the air
- 11 He claims His bride
- 12 Only His own see Him
- 13 Tribulation begins

#### 2nd Coming/Estab. Kingdom

- 1 No translation at all
- 2 Translated saints return to earth
- 3 Earth judged & righteousness established
- 4 Follows definite predicted signs, including tribulation
- 5 Predicted often in the Old Testament
- 6 Affects all men
- 7 Concluding the day of wrath
- 8 Satan bound
- 9 Christ comes with His own
- 10 He comes to the earth
- 11 He comes with His bride
- 12 Every eye shall see Him
- 13 Millennial Kingdom begins

## Timing of Judgments with Tribulation Events



#### Reminder:

The relation of the judgments to the events of the Tribulation period is not exact because all of Revelation is not Chronological, but here is a good way to understand them

## Revelation 6:12-14 Where we stopped last week

- <sup>12</sup> I watched as he opened the **sixth seal**. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red,
- <sup>13</sup> and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind.
- <sup>14</sup> The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

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The 6<sup>th</sup> seal causes wrath to fall on the heavens and earth. Earthquakes, the Sun turned dark from the smoke/clouds, the moon turned blood red, Stars fell to earth, and when the winds come, everyone is shaken, and watches stars fall to the ground like a fig tree dropping its fruit. Heavens receded, and islands and mountains fell and disappeared.

## Revelation 6:15-17 Fear of Judgment strikes the Earth

<sup>15</sup> Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains.

<sup>16</sup> They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of **him who sits on the throne** and from the **wrath of the Lamb**!

<sup>17</sup> For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?

#### **Hosea 10:8**

The high places of wickedness will be destroyed— it is the sin of Israel.
Thorns and thistles will grow up and cover their altars.
Then they will say to the mountains, "Cover us!" and to the hills, "Fall on us!"

Fear and Panic have struck all the inhabitants of the earth, and they are trying to flee the wrath of God and the Lamb. They know it is because of their sin, and they know who is causing it.

And so, we end the 6th seal

## Revelation 7:1-3 The Interlude is active

Before the 7th Seal is opened...

7 After this, I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree.

<sup>2</sup> Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the <u>seal of the</u> <u>living God</u>. He <u>called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been</u> <u>given power to harm the land and the sea:</u>

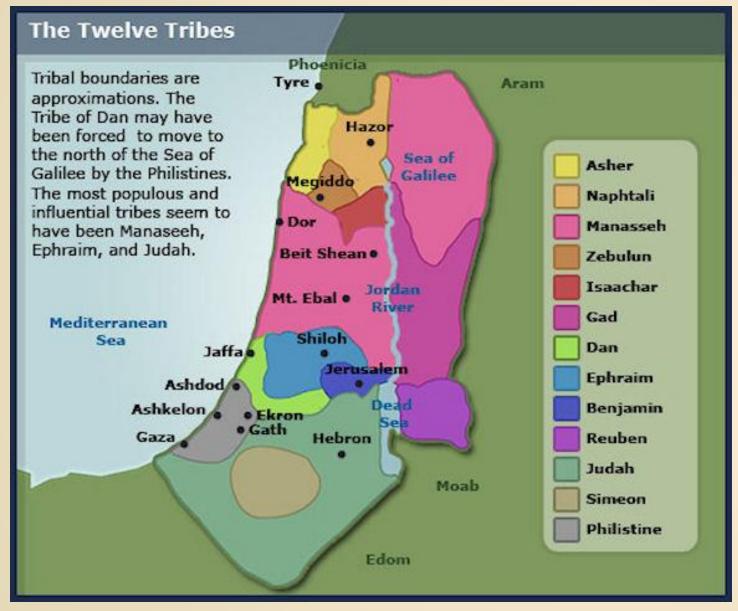
- <sup>3</sup> "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees <u>until</u> we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God."
- Four angels four corners of the earth
- Four winds held back
- Seal of the Living God Marks as the property of the Lord

## Revelation 7:4-8 The 144,000 Identified

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<sup>4</sup> Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.
<sup>5</sup> From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed,
from the tribe of Reuben 12,000,
from the tribe of Gad 12,000,
<sup>6</sup> from the tribe of Asher 12,000,
from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000,
from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000, (a subtribe of Joseph, replaced Dan)
<sup>7</sup> from the tribe of Simeon 12,000,
from the tribe of Levi 12,000,
from the tribe of Issachar 12,000,
<sup>8</sup> from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000,
from the tribe of Joseph 12,000,
from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000.
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Sealed means given special protection by God (for a task to be given to them)

## Land of Israel showing the 12 Sons of Jacob



- Note that the 12 tribes' land is only an approximation based on Biblical texts.
- Philistines are shown as well, including Gaza
- Dan moved north to what is the city of Dan in the very north of Israel

## 144,000 More details

Every tribe of Israel – Jacob's Sons

- A few differences in the list from other lists... Dan, which is the far northern tribe
  in Israel, was small and the first to fall away, so that may be why it is not listed.
   Manasseh was a son of Joseph and was adopted by Jacob, giving the tribe a
  double portion of land because Joseph saved the tribe from starvation
- All of the tribes of the Northern Kingdom are called the Lost Tribes because they
  were scattered by the Assyrians when it was captured
- The Southern Kingdom of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin survived until the Babylonian Conquest, but they maintained their tribal identity.
- Many false beliefs about the 144,000, such as the Jehovah's Witnesses, who believe that it is the final number in heaven, and they are the claimants to those.
- Also, beliefs that this is an allegory and they are not really Jews. There is no other way to read these scriptures other than a literal 144,000 Jews from the 12 tribes

Modern Jews don't know which tribe they came from generally, but God does... and he separates them by tribes here and presses them into service for the Kingdom

## Revelation 7:9-10 Uncountable multitude

<sup>9</sup> After this, I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

- A great multitude that no one can count
- Every nation, tribe, people, and language
- Standing before God and the Lamb, wearing white robes, holding palm branches, and they are crying out about their salvation.

## Revelation 7:11-13 A wonderful scene in Heaven

<sup>11</sup> All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

<sup>12</sup> saying:

"Amen!
Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God forever and ever.
Amen!"

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"

## Revelation 7:14-17 Tribulation Saints

<sup>14</sup> I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

- 15 Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

  16 Nover again will they burger:
- 16 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.
- The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat.
- 17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; (See notes from Isa 49:10, Isa 25:8)
- 'he will lead them to springs of living water.'

  'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

## What can we say about these Saints?

- A great multitude that no one can count.
- They are the **believers in the Tribulation period** who have been martyred for their faith (robes washed in the blood of the Lamb). In Jewish times, those who were covered by the blood of the sacrificed lamb were delivered as the Lord "Passes Over" them in Judgment, only for a year until the next Day of Atonement, accepted by God for another year.
- This tells us that there will be a great time of conversion in the Tribulation period
- These are NOT part of the Church who were all raptured before the Wrath but are full Christians in the eternal sense.
- The Lord is their Shepherd who leads them, protects them, and wipes away all tears and sorrow.

## Isaiah References

#### Isaiah 49:10

10 They will neither hunger nor thirst, nor will the desert heat or the sun beat down on them. He who has compassion on them will guide them and lead them beside springs of water.

<sup>11</sup> I will turn all my mountains into roads, and my highways will be raised up.

12 See, they will come from afar—
some from the north, some from the west,
some from the region of Aswan.

#### Isaiah 25: 7b-8

On this mountain, he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;

8 He will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth.

The Lord has spoken.

## Chapter 7 Summary

John watches Angels getting prepared to dispense wrath on the earth. They are at the compass points N, S, E, W, and are holding back the winds of destruction, but are told to wait until another angel seals 144,000 servants of God...12,000 from each of the 12 tribes of Israel

These Jews get sealed and protected by God for a task of His to come

Then John sees millions of white robed people of all kinds gathered before the Throne and praising God and the Lamb for Salvation

The angels and Elders are praising God, and one identifies for John who those people are in the white robes

- They are the tribulation saints, not the church. They have come to heaven after being martyred for their faith and beliefs during the first 6 seals
- Not only are we awaiting the mission of the 144,000, but we are seeing a great soul harvest during the tribulation period for Gentiles, too.
- No longer are they struggling with persecution, hunger, thirst, and heat, but the Lamb will be their Shepherd and wipe every tear. They have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb (spiritual cleansing of sin)

## When we get back from Vacation

- We will start at Chapter 8 and witness the opening of the 7<sup>th</sup> seal
- Until then, please support both Charlie and Dr Mark as they teach in the interim.
- Pray for our country, our state, and all the leaders
- Pray for our pastors and teachers at FRC
- Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem to finally come and the Nations to begin a time of Peace
- Pray for each other and be thankful and grateful for all God has and is doing in your life.