

SECTION 6 The Coming Midtribulation Raptures, Part 2:
The 144,000 Jews and The Tribulation Jews



CHART of the Transition from The Beginning of Sorrows to The Days of Vengeance
< > = SIMULTANEOUS OR POSSIBLE OUT OF ORDER EVENTS

Described Events	Implied Events
Revelation 11 The Two Witnesses & The Beast	Revelation 12 The Woman, The Child & The Dragon
The end of the massacre of 1/3 of Earth's population (from Ch. 9) and of The Ministry of the Two Witnesses at the end of The Second Woe or 6th Trumpet Judgment	Woman in labor Child born then raptured to Heaven < > Satan & angels lose war & cast to Earth
Witnesses killed in War with the Beast	Satan revives & empowers the Antichrist to plot to annihilate Jews & Christians & to rule the World & empowers the False Prophet to institute worldwide worship during 3 1/2 days of worldwide rejoicing
Witnesses dead 3 1/2 days in Jerusalem while World celebrates	Beast's armies surround Jerusalem Beast killed by 'sword wound'
Resurrection and Rapture of Witnesses	Beast dead about 3 days
2nd Great Global Earthquake	Beast rises from the dead
7th Trumpet < Dead Jews Rapture >	Worldwide celebration of the Dragon and Beast prepares the way for 42 months of World rule, the mark & worship of the Image of the Beast controlled by the Second Beast
God's kingdom begins in Heaven	God's kingdom begins in Heaven
Jews flee, or get caught and killed, or side with the Beast	God's kingdom begins in Heaven
Decapitation of dissenters & war-kills by beast escalate	Satan chases fleeing Woman but she escapes to 1260-days sanctuary
	Beast commits The Abomination of Desolation
	War on remnant Jews & Christians by Satan unleashed
	Beast World rule begins & his War with the Saints peaks

CHART of 7 Distinguishing Features of The Midterm Raptures of The Great Tribulation							
X = Certain X = Uncertain BLANK = Certainly Not							
Raptures	From Grave	From Earth	Jews	Gen-tiles	To Earth	To Heaven	Saved
Tribulation Gentiles	X	X		X		X	X
The 144,000		X	X			X	X
Two Witnesses	X	X	X		X	X	X
Dead Jews	X	X	X		X		
Tribulation Jews	X		X			X	X

CHART Of Midterm Rapture Positions in the Main Sets of Events of the Great Tribulation			
Sets of Events	The Beginning of Sorrows	The Abomination of Desolation	The Days of Vengeance
Position			
Before		Dead Jews	
Beginning			Tribulation Jews
Middle	Tribulation Gentiles		
Near End	The 144,000		
End	Two Witnesses		

The new chart in this section is the [CHART of the Transition from The Beginning of Sorrows to The Days of Vengeance](#) showing three parallel or synchronized accounts derived from Revelation 11, 12, and 13, each with specifically described and implied details of events in a transition period that must be about a week long, and these three accounts run chronologically from top to bottom in the three columns giving parallel outlines of this week. You should notice that there are specifically [described events](#) running continually from top to bottom because these events are taken directly from these chapters and they present the different perspectives within the same time period. The [implied events](#) that are inserted come from adjacent chapters or elsewhere in The Bible. One 'distant' reference is where the "Beast's armies surround Jerusalem" inserted in Chapter 12. This event is described to take place before The Abomination of Desolation by Jesus in Luke 21 when compared to Matthew 24 and Mark 13. Another far flung reference is the "Dead Jews Rapture" which is described in Ezekiel 37 and also placed near The Abomination of Desolation by Gabriel the Archangel in Daniel 12. We are already in the process of substantiating this graphic representation of God's Word. And we will **continue** to do so throughout this section.

And since we're still on The Midtribulation Raptures you should review the [CHART of 7 Distinguishing Features of the Midterm Raptures](#) and the [CHART of Midterm Rapture Positions in the Main Sets of Events of The Great Tribulation](#) and the [TIMELINE of Raptures to Heaven and Earth in The Great Tribulation](#) because we are still in the process of proving the accuracy of these graphic representations of God's Word too. So, on we go.

The Rapture of the 144,000 Jews

Mat 18:10

Rev 7:3-4

CHART of 7 Distinguishing Features of the Rapture of the 144,000							
X=CERTAIN X = UNCERTAIN BLANK = CERTAINLY NOT							
Raptures	From Grave	From Earth	Jews	Gen-tiles	To Earth	To Heaven	Saved
The 144,000		X	X			X	X

CHART of The Rapture of the 144,000 in the Main Sets of Events of The Great Tribulation				
Sets of Events	Beginning of Sorrows	The Abomination of Desolation	The Days of Vengeance	Armageddon
Position				
Near End	The 144,000			

And still there is something else going on throughout the concluding half of The Beginning of Sorrows besides The Trumpet Judgments and the **continuing** Ministry of the Two Witnesses. That would be The Ministry of the 144,000 Jews. We don't get a lot of detail about the ministry of these Jews. They evidently survive the first six Seal Judgments 'on their own', though I would expect they would have the same angelic help that is available to us all, except that I imagine, like children ([Mat 18:10](#)), they get a little extra help too.

But they plainly get exclusive, perceptibly divine help in the second half of The Beginning of Sorrows. John reports,

...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 [Rev 7:4](#).

We are told that the 144,000 are represented by 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes of Israel. We also see from John's perspective that angels...

...sealed the [144,000] servants of our God in their foreheads [Rev 7:3](#).

So evidently their 'seals' will be visibly displayed on each of their foreheads. But again, besides being **the servants of our God**, we **know** little else about them. Still, I expect the Jews will **know** what they need to **know** about them when the time comes.

The 144,000 Jews in The 5th Trumpet Judgment

Rev 9:6

Rev 11:18

And they do pop up again in John's narrative of The Trumpet Judgments. As before, we are not specifically told of any details involving any 'proactive service' on their part. But they are shown to be conspicuously enviable during the period of this judgment. As you may remember, John records,

...in those days [of the five-months-long 5th Trumpet Judgment which is The 1st Woe] **shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them** [Rev 9:6](#).

This makes The 5th Trumpet Judgment about torment, not death. And I see this judgment as an appropriate foretaste of hell and designed by God to provoke the hardest of hearts. Add to that the further provocation that the 144,000 will remain unharmed through it all—which implies nothing can harm them throughout their entire ministry—and I expect a **few** will get the message.

On the other hand, we already **know** that for the most part the presence of the 144,000 will, like the Two Witnesses, just further aggravate worldwide hatred of all things truly Godly. Surely these 144,000 will be a big part of the reason why **the nations were angry** at the end of The Trumpet Judgments ([Rev 11:18](#)). And the fact that all attempts to harm them will fail and that they will likely give all the credit to God should be especially exasperating to those who refuse to acknowledge God's sovereignty. However I should also mention here that there are reasons to believe that these **servants of our God** draw all this 'anger' without even knowing who The Son of God is. Again, be **patient**. The reasons for this delayed **revelation** are coming.

An **angel...king** figuratively represented as a **star**, and some terrible **locusts** literal described as strange creatures that come out of **the bottomless pit** are **given power** by God to **torment** men **five months** and therefore cannot be machines in any way, shape or form.

Rev 9:1-11
Ezekiel 1
Rev 4:6-9

Rom 12:2
1 Cor 9:22
Mat 24:7

Rev 20:1-3
Eph 4:7-10;
Job 2:1-2;

Heb 13:2
Rev 4-5
2 Cor 12:1-4

1 Cor 13:12
1 Cor 15:52-53

The 5th Trumpet Judgment starts when John sees **a star fall from heaven unto the earth**, and when, referring to the **star**,

...to him was given the key of the bottomless pit... [with which] **he opened the bottomless pit** [Rev 9:1-2](#).

We should recognize **him** to be a very bright angel on a mission. And there is another later event where angels are again described as **stars** that will make this angel of The 5th Trumpet hardly a twinkling in comparison. The rendering of this spectacular 'starry night' is canvassed in the next section. Still, the meteoric mission of the **star** of The 5th Trumpet, the one who will 'open' **the bottomless pit**, will certainly be remarkable. His job will be to release the tormenters. John sees that...

...there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. 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. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only...men... 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 [Rev 9:2-5](#).

And we get quite a lot of details as to the appearance of these tormenting **locusts**. John says,

...the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men...

And though **they had hair as the hair of women**, we're not talking pretty here, because,

...their teeth were as the teeth of lions. And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months [Rev 9:6-9](#).

Now these locusts have been popularly presumed to be attack helicopters. But such a view is cherry-picked and not compatible with the full view of what's going on here. There is no way these **locusts** could be any kind of machine or mechanism if you consider the whole picture, including the players involved, as we will.

By-the-way, speaking of strange creatures that are not pretty, around The Throne of God—or at other times seen transporting God elsewhere—are the **four living creatures** that by their descriptions don't sound too good-looking either ([Ezek 1](#); [Rev 4:6-9](#)). But no one thinks that they are helicopters of some

kind. They are plainly awesome and formidable **living creatures**. This tells us that God knows how to make wondrously incredible creatures. And this reminds me of an insightful comment I heard years ago. It's that we've been programmed in this World to imagine such unusual creatures as monsters and necessarily ugly. But the Apostle Paul encourages you be **transformed by the renewing of your mind** [Rom 12:2](#). So we should consider God's purposes for the **living creatures** He has **created**. From this perspective it makes much more sense to suppose that, though the **four living creatures** must be unimaginably awesome and formidable, they must also be incredibly beautiful, and only to be feared by the enemies of God. While other creatures sent out to literally scare the hell out of people should be, for the best results, extraordinarily frightening in appearance—provoking a kind of fear that even an attack helicopter couldn't pull off. So it all comes down to the question of whether God will want man's participation in making these 'vessels' that John says look like **locusts**. But there is no question that whatever man can make, God can make better, and scarier, and make them **living**. See [The Ages of Creation study](#) for the full 'control-tower view' of the crash and burn of this manmade theory along with the bulldozing of the wreckage off the runway. But we'll sufficiently **prove** this case in the totality of this **study** too.

Now John says these **locusts** appear to have something like women's **hair**, lions' **teeth, wings**, torsos with **breastplates**, and scorpions' **tails**. Again, surely God can make strange **living** vessels like this. And surely His creations are much more formidable than the mechanical variety that, for example, The U.S. Military could ever make. But still there are those advocating a manmade 'whirlybird' theory who say something to the effect that John, as a first century man, could not **understand** 21st century 'weapons and machinery', and that he could only describe them in first century terms. Suchlike mechanized and otherwise technologically focused misconceptions are commonly applied throughout Revelation, but there is no doubt in most cases that these theories won't fly. And certainly the theory that passes off these **locusts** as some kind of bucket of bolts is one of them. So instead, I say that those who see these creatures as machines are 21st century men who do not yet fully enough **understand** the **power** of an eternal God who never changes, and therefore attempt to describe His **works** in fundamentally human terms instead of in terms of God's past track record that He makes available to us all through His Word.

And there are no physical mechanics, machines or electronics made by man that God did not—in a superior living form—invent first, which is really a **study** in itself. But in case this is news to you, listen to an expert in the field. Janine M. Benyus, in her book, [Biomimicry](#), says,

We realize that all of our inventions have already appeared in nature in a more elegant form and at a lot less loss to the planet.

Now besides being apparently ignorant of who should get the credit for this phenomenon, I think she has it right. And all this brings fresh meaning to the worship of the 24 Elders around The Throne of God when they say, **...thou hast created all things**. The fact is that there has never really been any

competition between God and men, just as little 'biomimicry', if you will.
As to the leadership of these incredible, God-made, locust-like creatures,

...they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon [Rev 9:11](#).

I haven't speculated much on who this ancient bad boy could be, but his credentials are well enough established here in that he is 'the **king** of the **locusts**' and a very bad **angel** at that. And the implication is that the **locusts** are as much alive as this **king...angel** over them. And whatever roles if any this **king** may have played in **other ages**, the day is coming when he will be commissioned as **the angel of the bottomless pit** to oversee the mission of these vicious and horrifying '**living creatures**' that could only be **created** by God. And this coming foretaste of hell should be effective for God's purposes. This would be to finally break open, or further harden, the hearts of men. And I'm guessing this **king** is already down there in The Bottomless Pit right now, waiting to be released along with all these **locusts** that are with him.

And this brings us to another reason that these **locusts** cannot be machines. Machines would not likely originate from the spiritual realm. And it's true that the **four living creatures**, like the **locusts**, have arguably mechanical qualities from a human perspective. So do humans for that matter. But you could not consider these **locusts** to be attack helicopters if you consider where they come from. You would have to overlook or avoid this point to retain a manmade view.

And not only that, did you notice that these creatures—like their commander, and like the Two Witnesses, and like the Antichrist and the False Prophet—are **given power**? In this case it's most natural to expect that **power** is something **given** to the **living**. So tell me. Shouldn't we call this compartmentalization? And by that I mean an oversight by applying too little **scripture** due to ignorance and/or forgetfulness. And I mean if you still think that these creatures are just machines, I think you've likely never heard the 'de-compartmentalized' case for machines that would go something like this.

OK, these machines do come from The Bottomless Pit, which must be a spiritual place, and they are commanded by an angel, and God does give them power apparently just like he does the Two Witnesses, the Antichrist and the False Prophet, but they do sound like they're machines, right? And just because God has made other awesome, flying, living, spiritual creatures that are recorded to have flown around on the Earth, and even though we ourselves have machine-like qualities—or is it the other way around?—never mind—it doesn't mean that these 'locusts' are 'living creatures' too. Does it?

No, the case usually made for attack helicopters is usually much simpler—that they sound like machines so they must be machines. But necessarily connected to such a simple view is that man is the best suited to producing these machines and that God couldn't do any better. The **truth**, of course, is that man will never do anything in the ballpark of what God can do. These plainly living **locusts** in The 5th Trumpet Judgment are an example. They will

use their horrifying, monstrous, God-given **power...to hurt men five months**. And as Paul might add, this is just another of the many ways that God goes out of His way that He **might by all means save some** [1 Cor 9:22](#). And again, it's not sophisticated but sophomoric and ridiculous to insist that God requires the use of man-made physical machines in His judgments. His **living creatures** are so much better. And read [Ezekiel 1](#) if you haven't lately.

And I **know** I'm passed beating a dead horse here, but we do need to wake up to the state of affairs of end times **prophecy** if we're going to reach an **understanding** of the real state of the art. So please endure a little longer here. Let's give the case for machines the hearing it deserves. To do so we need to imagine what kind of machine could inflict the kind of torment that these **locusts** do, where apparently everyone except the 144,000 and the Two Witnesses are tormented, but no one dies, not even any vegetation. It appears that whatever these 'locusts' do to people not only torments them for five months but also sustains them somehow, or leaves them capable of sustaining themselves, so that they don't die. Sure, let's concede that there might eventually be some kind of chemical or electronic transmission that could do that. But could there ever be enough helicopters on the planet to administer or broadcast such a mystery irritant? It would take quite a lot of them to the job. And even if up to this point there was no disruption to the World's economy, infrastructures, etc., there would still have to be a worldwide coordinated and Herculean effort organized to accomplish something like this on a global scale. But we **know** that among other problems going on in The Beginning of Sorrows, that **nations** won't be getting along too well with each other at this point. Jesus tells us that during this time, generally speaking, **nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom** [Mat 24:7](#), so any of them with any power will be defending themselves or attacking others, not coordinating a global campaign to torture people without killing them.

But assuming there is someone with the capability, who is flying these 'aircraft' that are administering this **torment** apparently on all **men**? In other words, what apparently significant faction of **men** gets out of this **torment**—because they are administering it? We will see that the new Russian empire will have already fallen by this point, as well as the entire Southwest Asian and North African Muslim World. But we will also see that the Antichrist Empire will still not have the capability to assimilate either the Russians or The Muslims by this point either. And The U.S. will also be shown to be incapable of any suchlike grand adventures by this time too—not that it's in their character to do so. And China will be seen doing something else too and at a much later time. So the correct answer is that no **men** will be flying them at all, because no **nation** late in The Beginning of Sorrows will have the capability or resources to carry out such a worldwide assault. And when we finish making this case for these international players, it will be further evidence that these **locusts** must be **living creatures** made and empowered by God and released from the spiritual realm known as The Bottomless Pit.

But we've moved beyond our present ability to further dismantle this machine theory, because further deconstruction is beyond what we've proven so far. And though what we've covered so far could be considered sufficient, there is more to come. We will further confirm that only God will have the power to accomplish something like this in the chaos of these five months in

the latter half of The Beginning of Sorrows. And we will establish that 'conventional war'—and for the most part a much more ancient version of it—will be mankind's only small contribution during The Great Tribulation. And I mean war in The Great Tribulation, for the most part, can only be considered 'conventional' in terms that were common at the time of, say, Alexander the Great, as we will see.

But we should also delve more deeply into what we can **understand** about the spiritual realm here too. Do you believe Satan will be bound 1000 years in **the bottomless pit**? John records in [Revelation 20:1-3](#) that he will. There is no question that this is a spiritual place in another dimension, like Heaven, Hell and The Lake of Fire. And these spiritual places are for spiritual beings, like Satan, his angels, and one day when we shed our physical bodies, you and me. But surely neither flesh and blood nor anything else physical can possibly function in the various spiritual localities within the Earth, or even in Heaven, without some kind of transformation. And such transformations are inevitable for the World's inhabitants, most of which will ultimately reside forever within the Earth in The Lake of Fire. Thank God others of us will be transformed to live 'above ground' on the new spiritual Earth forever with God after the present physical one **shall pass away** [Mat 24:35](#). But remember that it's generally true that human beings will make this possibly two step, but one-way transition just **once** while spiritual beings whose origins are in the spiritual realm can, God permitting, make this transition repeatedly and in either direction. John tells us a lot more about all this. And we'll talk more about it in [SECTION 9](#) and in the last section.

The point for now is that these **locusts** really do come out of the Earth, and they could not do so unless they were spiritual creatures. Also we can **understand** that neither man, animal, plant nor machine of any physical kind could possibly 'survive' in **the bottomless pit**. Anything that comes out of it may be alive or inanimate, but must be of a spiritual nature. Granted, such transitioning entities and elements are able to take on physical characteristics as they leave the spiritual and enter the physical realm, and vice versa. Jesus, Satan and the angels have been reported to be able to do so ([Eph 4:7-10](#); [Job 2:1-2](#); [Heb 13:2](#), etc.), not to mention again the **four living creatures** of [Ezekiel 1](#) seen with God on the Earth, but later with Him around His Throne in Heaven ([Rev 4-5](#)). And non-living things, like **smoke out of the pit...**[and enough that] **the sun and the air were darkened**, must do the same—transition back and forth from their spiritual to physical manifestations when moving from one dimension to the other. I am not pretending to **understand** how all this works. I just **believe**, for example, that since angels obviously wear clothes in both realms, that both living and nonliving things must make these transitions alike.

The Apostle Paul implies that he, or at least someone he knew, transitioned back and forth between these dimensions once before too, unavoidably leaving behind a dead body and later reviving it when his spirit returned ([2 Cor 12:1-4](#)). Paul also acknowledges this other dimension's existence explaining that we, though spiritual beings, are in our physical form and realm and are therefore outside the purely spiritual realm, and as such cannot clearly tell what is going on in the spiritual realm. Of our attempts to look into it he says, **now we see through a glass, darkly**, but he also adds that the time is coming when we will live entirely, body and spirit, in the spiritual realm, and will see **then face**

to face 1 Cor 13:12. Indeed, when Paul speaks of the man who made this trip to **paradise... or the third heaven**, he speaks of a man who left his physical body behind to do so, traveling only in his spirit. But at The Rapture of the Church, physical bodies make the trip too, being instantaneously transformed to a spiritual form, and if necessary rejoined by their spirits in the process. And Paul is the one who tells us that our physical bodies must be **changed** to accomplish this. He says,

In a moment...the dead...shall be changed. For this corruptible [body] must put on incorruption, and this mortal [body] must put on immortality 1 Cor 15:52-53.

This will be necessary in order to be able to make the trip. Angels and other spiritual **living creatures** are already in this form. This is what Jesus, Satan, the angels, the four living creatures and the locusts already 'naturally' are. And getting back to the point, you should see by now that you're way off base if you're still talking about attack helicopters.

Now besides being forbidden to kill men, these locusts, being spiritual creatures in the physical World, have one more God-imposed limitation, which brings us back to our 144,000 Jews. The **locusts** are not allowed to hurt all men, **but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads**. This will undoubtedly be a glaring provocation to the inhabitants of the Earth. While virtually all men writhe in agony five months, the 144,000—and likely also the Two Witnesses—will look on unharmed. Again, is this all these 144,000 will do during The Trumpet Judgments? It seems unlikely. And general descriptions of their service following their redemption are given. But again, though I can say they are **servants**, I can't say what other specific capacity on Earth they may fill, except that it's implied that they'll be the heavenly dam-breakers of a cascading flood of events that help bring about the end of The Beginning of Sorrows and the start of The Days of Vengeance which we will see all wash out in due course.

The 8 Great Events on Earth show another view of the end of The Beginning of Sorrows seen entirely from Earth and just before The Abomination of Desolation:

- 1) The Slaying of the Antichrist
- 2) The Rapture of the 144,000 Jews
- 3) The Resurrection and Empowering of the Antichrist
- 4) The Slaughter of the Two Witnesses
- 5) The Celebration of the Kingdom of the Satan and the Antichrist
- 6) The Resurrection and Rapture of the Two Witnesses
- 7) The Midterm Great Earthquake
- 8) The Rapture of the Dead Jews to Israel

Next, since we have the idea from the last section of how to extract and use information out of the middle chapters of Revelation, let's try to use this **knowledge** to get a better picture of the 144,000 and their rapture. And it's the Jewish perspective in Chapter 12 and the Heavenly perspective in Chapter 14 that both **reveal** The Rapture of the 144,000 as a key event in the

conclusion of the first half and transition into the second half of The Great Tribulation. Chapters 11-14 each offer several other key events from their different perspectives that are also involved in this process. And Chapter 13 stages the event that Jesus identifies as the one that starts The Days of Vengeance, The Abomination of Desolation, which again is the story about the Antichrist's opportunity to act out his blasphemous boasting in The Temple in Jerusalem at the beginning of his 42 months of an evidently 'wild-screaming-in-the-streets' rampage, that we'll shout out in the next section. The initiation of this 42 months-long nightmare is what I call [The 8 Great Events on Earth](#). These events are all seen in these middle chapters. They are all viewable from Earth. They all happen in the week or so before The Abomination of Desolation. And they are apparently in the exact following order, including 1) The Slaying of the Antichrist, 2) The Rapture of the 144,000 Jews, 3) The Resurrection and Empowering of the Antichrist, 4) The Slaughter of the Two Witnesses by the Antichrist, 5) the worldwide, 3 ½ day-long celebration of the death of the Two Witnesses while their **dead bodies shall lie dead in the street of the great city**, Jerusalem—which we'll call The Celebration of the Kingdom of Satan and the Antichrist, 6) The Resurrection and Rapture of the Two Witnesses, 7) a second, worldwide **great earthquake** that this time destroys **the tenth part of the city** of Jerusalem, and 8) The Rapture of the Dead Jews to that same general area.

And I see this itemization of eight events as all occurring in the last week or so of The Beginning of Sorrows because a couple of these events are implied to be separated from each other by 2 or 3 days immediately followed by two others that are separated by 3 ½ days. The remaining events appear to go on in between the others or immediately follow them in **the same hour**, or at least rather **quickly** thereafter. So all of them are reasonably placed within about a week. And besides this, it's clear that some of these events must occur just before the end of the 1260 days of ministry of the Two Witnesses is over, and the rest must occur just after this period, but before The Abomination of Desolation, which again is the clear marker of both the end of The Beginning of Sorrows and the start of The Days of Vengeance. And any way you look at it, at The Abomination of Desolation, the time available for these eight events will be up.

And for the same kind of reasons that the raptures of the Two Witnesses and the 144,000 Jews don't actually occur in the order they are presented in Revelation, some of these other midterm events don't either. Still, we'll **continue** to handle them in pretty much the same order that they appear in John's record. One exception is that since The Rapture of the 144,000 Jews is mentioned twice, and since the account of it Chapter 14 is not at all ambiguous, while the account of it in Chapter 12 is at first glance a mysterious **allegory**, then we'll start with the second account in Chapter 14 before we **continue** in Chapter 12.

[The exemplary 144,000 Jews in their clearly identified rapture from Earth to The Temple on Mount Zion before The Throne of God in Heaven sing **a new song** and are designated administrators of the Lamb and **the firstfruits unto God and unto the Lamb.**](#)

Rev 7:15;
Rev 11:19;
Rev 14:15-17;

Rev 15:5-8;
Rev 16:1,17
Rev 4:6;

Rev 15:2-5
Rev 14:3
Rev 7:9-11

Rev 14:1-4
Lev 23:10-14
1 Thes 4:16

The first thing John shows us in Chapter 14 is the 144,000 Jews standing with Jesus on Mount Zion (or **mount Sion**) in Heaven. And we hear mention of **the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven** several times in Revelation including in Chapter 14 (see [Rev 7:15](#); [11:19](#); [14:15-17](#); [15:5-8](#); [16:1,17](#)). This **temple** must be on the Mount Zion in Heaven and apparently is a structure that has a floor like a **sea of glass** that is **before the throne, and before the four beasts, and** after The Rapture of the Church, before the 24 **elders** too ([Rev 4:6](#); [14:3](#); [15:2](#)). And it evidently has room enough inside to hold quite **a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues...before the throne**, and with **all the angels...round about the throne** too ([Rev 7:9-11](#)). So this **temple** must be beyond huge. However it's probably not as big as New Jerusalem will be as we will see in the last section. And again, later in this section we'll **prove** that this **sea of glass** is only a metaphor for a very large floor, **clear as crystal**, to **stand on**.

The first thing the 144,000 do with Jesus on Mount Zion is sing **a new song before the throne**. John informs us that,

...no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth [Rev 14:1-3](#).

And this **song** may be mysterious, but this description removes all ambiguity about who they are and where they just came from, and clearly distinguishes theirs from the other eight group raptures.

We also **learn** some more about their exemplary behavior during their ministry on Earth, and we get a clue as to their eternal ministry from the time of their rapture on. John explains,

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. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God [Rev 14:4](#).

This gives us a vague idea of their behavior and ministry on Earth in the later half of The Beginning of Sorrows. But it also gives us their eternal position beyond the general job description of **servants**. They are apparently Jesus' permanent entourage. We might also expect from this designation that they will be His administrators, and that whatever business He has to accomplish is their business, and that their work is in these details.

Another detail worth considering here is that they are **the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb**. This must be the **firstfruits** of the Jewish people themselves implying that it's the first group of 'real Jews' to be raptured. If you assume that The Rapture of the Church takes place on a

Feast of Trumpets or just after the middle of the Jewish calendar year, then this Rapture of the 144,000 Jews could occur 3 ½ years later on a Festival of Firstfruits, near the beginning of a new Jewish calendar year. Whatever the case, The Festival or Feast of **firstfruits** [Lev 23:10-14](#) is a Biblical **holyday** required by Jewish Law and observed by offerings that are given to the temple priests who in turn offer them to God. It's **the firstfruits** of someone's harvest or flock, etc., specially prepared and sacrificed by the priests to God. Jesus is also symbolized as the **firstfruits** unto God, but the 144,000 are **the firstfruits unto God and unto the Lamb**. They are the first redeemed Jews for Jesus, and their service will be their sacrificial dedication to God and Jesus forever.

And this is also evidence that these 144,000 must be raptured even before the Two Witnesses. Besides, all the possible candidates we listed for the Two Witnesses must have been in **Abraham's bosom** and must have been visited and escorted from there to Heaven by Jesus, making them no longer in the plan for 'real Jews' anyway, and more likely prominent future members of the Bride of Christ. Right? Not necessarily. Remember that Moses and Elijah were seen 'out and about' working with Jesus before The Resurrection, on the Mount of Transfiguration ([Mark 9:2-4](#)). And I'm guessing that Enoch must still be in Heaven with God too. So I'm guessing the Two Witnesses haven't been to Abrahams Bosom yet. But really I'm just checking to see if you're keeping up and still paying attention. If you are, you'll remember that the Two Witnesses, if they are to be 'reincarnated', are exceptions to the rule, and likely in more ways than one. So sometime before The Rapture of the Church, the Two Witnesses—assuming that they will not be born for the first time but instead return to Earth from **heaven**—must be reincarnated like we **know** Elijah already once was. But whatever the case, the Two Witnesses must be alive on the Earth at the time of The Rapture of the Church and miss this rapture so that they can later die in the middle of The Great Tribulation and be raptured then. And somewhere along the way they evidently 'recognize' or 'remember' or simply 'acknowledge' their Messiah and apparently just after the **firstfruits** do. Complicated huh? And worse than that, all this should remind you that Paul warns us that we don't have a clear view of these things yet. And apparently a brief visit to the spiritual realm wasn't enough to straighten it all out either. So you should see by now why you should avoid etching **doctrine** in stone with some of these topics. But we'll talk about all this some more anyway in [SECTION 9](#), because you should **continue** to try to better **understand** it all, knowing that this kind of **diligence** leads to new **revelations**. And you should always have your 'best guesses' in the works and be searching out their **proofs**, much like we have been doing so far. Because only then should you expect that The Holy Spirit will consider you ready and interested enough to **shew you things to come**.

And by-the-way, the Witnesses, whoever they are, could already be born by now. Though if they are, I'm guessing they're not yet old men. And the fact that they must miss The Rapture not only indicates that they don't 'recognize' their Messiah until later in their ministry, but it also implies that their ministry, probably like the 144,000's, is mostly to recall Jews back to Israel and to Judaism, because these are necessary first steps in completing the salvation of the Jews. And I think that it's unlikely that the bulk of their

mission will be to convict the Gentiles of their sin, neither to **provoke** anyone to seek Jesus. But the World will nonetheless hate them because they will torment the nations of the World by **plagues** because of their hostile intentions and actions against Jews in Israel. So I expect that the Two Witnesses won't be trying to convert the Gentiles of the World to Christianity or Judaism. Instead their focus should be to draw Jews to Israel and back to Judaism, and to defend themselves and Israel, because apparently everyone will be trying to kill them and trying to attack Israel. And we **know** this because God decrees that anyone that tries to kill the Two Witnesses **must in this [same] manner be killed**. And this is no surprise because they will be infamous as the ones who **smite the earth with all plagues**. And this is why I think that their torments are primarily a defense of Israel for the purpose of buying time for Jews to repent and come back to God, not to mention to get the attention of the Jews and remind them of their awesomely powerful God.

But whoever the Two Witnesses are and whatever their agenda, since the 144,000 are designated **firstfruits**, this scene at the beginning of Chapter 14 must be the first rapture of real Jews, even before that of the Two Witnesses. And this is about all I can glean and offer about the 144,000 Jews from Chapter 14, but there is more to their rapture and service to be reaped back in Chapter 12.

The allegorical account of The Rapture of the 144,000 Jews is depicted by the **labor** of the **woman** and the **birth** of her **man child**, and they are identifiable through Joseph's dreams, and God's commissioning and protection of them in The Beginning of Sorrows, and by the fact that they **shall rule**, like Jesus, **with a rod of iron** in The Millennium, and finally by God's plan that they must be the first to be 'born again' of the Jews

Rev 12:1-5
Gen 12:1-3
2 Pet 1:19
Rev 7:1-8
Gen 37:3-21

Rev 14:3-4
Rev 19:15
Luke 2:6-7
John 3:5-7

Ezek 37:12
Dan 12:1-2
Ezek 38:8
Zech 12:10-11

John 6:44
Rev 12:17
Rev 13:7
Mat 24: 9-13
Mark 13:9-13

Luke 21:12-17
Mark 9:2-4

In Chapter 12 we see what at first glance seems to be a mysterious **allegory**, though we have already deciphered in it who **the woman** is. The problem is that since John only gives us misleading transitional indicators in this chapter, there is no clear sequence, and we'll have to place the position of these events by some other means. The idea is that we're looking for these midterm events from different perspectives. In the heavenly perspective of Chapter 14, we find a midterm rapture of the 144,000 Jews that is presented as apparently the first rapture of Jews. And in Chapter 12 this event is seen too, but among several other events and in a perspective of Satan's interactions with the Jews. So to unravel this mystery and place the events in order we need to decipher who the **child** is. And we must do this with mixed up clues and out of order transitional indicators.

But with all we've done so far, the **interpretation** of who the **child** is should be easily enough deduced. Who is the **child of the woman**? The identity of the **child** must be consistent with who the **woman** is. So we should expect to find the symbolic representation of the Jewish people as a **woman** associated with a 'naturally gestated and born' subset of the Jewish people who are appropriately represented as a **child**, and who each have distinguishably different fates. Again, we're not doing the Calvinism v. Arminianism argument here either—this is an allegorical **prophecy** of literal groups of Jews that God **promises** will exist, including the future events He reveals involving them that therefore must happen. That's all I'm saying about destiny at this juncture. But we are expecting to be able to identify these two groups of Jews. And as their identities are connected, it will help here to review and then further develop the identity of **the woman** before we identify **her child**.

So again, as John witnessed it,

...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 [Rev 12:1](#).

Now this is depicted as **a great wonder in heaven** though we will observe that the Jews this **woman** represents must at all times in this chapter be on Earth. And her identity is **revealed** back in Genesis, in a story about one of the dreams of Joseph.

We have all heard of Joseph, the son of Jacob (also called Israel), who was the son of Isaac, who was the son of Abraham, who was promised by God that He would make of his offspring...

...a great nation...And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed [Gen 12:1-3](#).

This **prophecy** of blessing that God speaks of here, without doubt, was fulfilled, is being fulfilled, and is still to be fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Indeed, He has already fulfilled hundreds of **prophecies** in this ongoing process. And as a results of all these **prophecies** being fulfilled by Jesus, Peter concludes about the **prophecy** still yet to be fulfilled that,

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts
[2 Pet 1:19](#).

And this is exactly what we're doing.

Joseph, in the line of Abraham, is not just a Jew, but one of the 12 Jewish Patriarchs, one of the 12 sons of Jacob. We have also already identified them in [Revelation 7:1-8](#) when 12,000 from each of these **tribes**, the 144,000, were **sealed** just before The Rapture of the Tribulation Gentiles in the middle of The Beginning of Sorrows. The 12 tribes are named after the 12 patriarchs and are listed there including Joseph's tribe second to last in the list. These patriarchs are mentioned throughout The Bible as they are chosen by God to play a major role in the past and future of us all. Look for their names inscribed above the gates of the eternal city, New Jerusalem, when you go in, God-willing you do. We'll talk more about who gets in and who doesn't in the final section.

You may also remember that Joseph, through the attempts of his brothers and others to harm him, and through his gift to interpret his and other dreams or visions, became a ruler over his family as well as over all of Egypt. To God be the glory because He showed Joseph these outcomes while he was still a child through his dreams. You might even say that by showing Joseph these dreams God instigated the foretold outcome, because when Joseph told the dreams to his brothers, **...they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words** [Gen 37:8](#), which could be construed as necessary to set in motion the chain of events that led to him ending up where he did. This is another aspect of the Calvinism v. Arminianism argument that we're going to pass by too because it should be addressed in no less than a **study** of its own, though I won't completely avoid a discussion of it in due course.

One of these dreams identifies Joseph as the ultimate ruler over his family including his parents, and in turn identifies the Jews as the literal **interpretation** of the symbolic reference of **the woman** in Revelation 12. He dreams,

...the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance [bow down] to me. And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? [Gen 37:9-10](#).

So **Jacob** or **Israel**—he goes by both names in this chapter—believes his son Joseph's **dream** is telling him that **the sun** represents him, and **the moon** represents his wife Rachel, and **the eleven stars** represent Joseph's 11 brothers that will all **come to bow down** themselves to Joseph, who is obviously the preeminent twelfth star. And as fate would have it, they all eventually do so in Egypt. So when we see in Chapter 12 of Revelation **a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon**

her head a crown of twelve stars, she is easily identified as an allegorical representation of the Jewish people.

But in Revelation this **woman** is shown to us at the point where she is about to deliver **her child**. Is there anything else in Joseph's **experience** that can help us here? Joseph's **prophesied** future preeminence and Jacob's favoritism of him caused his brothers to be jealous of him. Moses records that these are the reasons that his brothers **hated him**, and that **his brethren envied him** [Gen 37:3-10](#), which led them to say, **let us slay him** [Gen 37:20-21](#). Thank God **Reuben** talked them out of it. And by-the-way, we will see that Joseph gets a double portion of land in Israel in The Millennium. So He obviously remains one of God's favorites too.

Satan, on the other hand, hates all Jews, especially preeminent ones. So his motives and intentions **to devour** this **child** can be seen to be similar to the ones Joseph's brothers had who **hatred him** and wanted to **slay him**. Surely Satan's hatred of Jews as well as their worldwide infamy will intensify as a result of God's favoritism of this **child of the woman**. And considering all this, the only likely subset of Jews in The Beginning of Sorrows who could surely aggravate Satan and the World as much as the Two Witnesses is this band of 144,000 Jews. They will be envied and hated because God will specially mark and protect these ministers of His, and because this subset of Jews must inevitably have even greater preeminence than Satan himself. So just like the Two Witnesses, Satan and the Antichrist will want them dead. But God will protect and rescue the 144,000 Jews by a war and a rapture, but not necessarily in that order. So by deduction and the process of elimination, this **child** about to be **brought forth** of **the woman** must be the 144,000 Jews [Rev 12:1-5](#). But there's more to the **proof** than this.

Again, knowing that **the woman** is a symbolic representation of the Jewish people leads us to assume that **her child** is a special subset of Jews. The only reasonable candidate to fill this newborn's booties is the 144,000 Jews. They are sealed, sanctified and exceptional Jews in every way. And the 'child of the woman' would be an appropriate metaphor to identify them—they are from the woman, but separated from her for a special purpose, and different than all other Jews. And their separation evidently comes when the 144,000 finish their ministry on Earth and are raptured and redeemed to Heaven. We **know** this because we have already seen them...

...before the throne...redeemed from the earth...redeemed from among men, being [metaphorically 'the fruit of the womb of the woman', and also] **the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb** [Rev 14:3-4](#).

In Chapter 12 the **child** is first seen on the Earth, then in Heaven, whereas the **woman** at her point of separation from the **child** stays on the Earth because, as John viewed it,

...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](#).

We already **know** that this flight to a place of refuge is God's planned sanctuary for protecting 'real Jews' from the trials and perils of The Days of Vengeance, and this sanctuary will be occupied by such Jews during a period of time that defines possibly all of the second half of The Great Tribulation—though we still have that 1290-day issue to deal with in [SECTION 7](#) and [10](#). And when we're through combining all the different second-half summary accounts we'll be able to distinguish that there are some events taking place between the **birth** of the **child** and its rapture, and others between the rapture and the flight of **the woman**. So let's first consider the birth of this **child**.

But what is the **birth** of the **child**? Is it simply the completion of ministry, and the point of separation from the **woman** including redemption by rapture? John says,

...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](#).

One thing we can immediately see here is that the office of this **man child** is the same as the one described for Jesus in The Millennium when, ***...he shall rule them [the nations] with a rod of iron*** [Rev 19:15](#), implying the 144,000 will not just **follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth**, but that they will also directly support Jesus in his leadership role in The Millennium. And we'll deal with this more thoroughly in [SECTION 11](#). But beyond this observation, the rest is more speculative because it is not clear whether this **birth** involves two events or really just one. Specifically, we could interpret the time when **she brought forth a man child** and when **her child was caught up** as two separate events, or we could instead assume that the passage could be condensed to, ***'she brought forth a man child...[meaning] her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne'***. Looking at it as two separate events is more problematic in that we would need to find a significant action taking place that signifies this **birth** as separate from the rapture. And the problem becomes insurmountable if you attempt to separate the **birth** and the rapture by too much time. The **birth**, if different from when the **child** is **caught up**, must be something that happens not too long before this rapture.

There is no question about what happens when the child is **caught up**, or that it takes place near the end of The Beginning of Sorrows. But if the **birth** is not their rapture or simply the completion of their time of the ministry marked by their rapture, then what else could it be? Could there be some other event that signals 'the completion of the gestation of the child', and thereby signifies the time of its **birth**? First, we should acknowledge that the sealing of the 144,000 back in Chapter 7 does not really lend itself to a reasonable metaphor for this **birth**, because in this case the child would be **caught up** at a much later time than the **birth**. It doesn't fit. A fitting scenario places the **birth** at the end of The Beginning of Sorrows too, because it will be necessary very shortly thereafter for **the woman**, according to Jesus, to **flee from Judea...into the mountains** or, as John

puts it, **into the wilderness**.

This also must be the time when **the woman** is in **labor**. And **she** is in distress. John tells us...

...she...cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered [Rev 12:2](#).

This would fit when tensions are peaking in Israel because the Antichrist is in the process of surrounding Jerusalem with **armies**, and is finally about to directly confront the 144,000 and the Two Witnesses. So to expand the metaphor, the sealing of the 144,000 at the start of their ministry is more fittingly 'the conception of the child in the woman's womb', and, to borrow from Luke, when **the days were accomplished that she should be delivered** the 144,000 are **brought forth** [Luke 2:6-7](#) and just afterward delivered again up to **heaven** to the inaugural ceremony of their permanent ministry.

So what does the **birth** signify? I say it represents the point when the 144,000 Jews finally have their **revelation of Jesus Christ**. And it's appropriate to assume that the **birth** represents the salvation of the **child** because this must happen sometime before the **child** is **caught up**. We have all heard that Jesus uses this metaphor saying that we must be **born again** in order to **enter into the kingdom of God** [John 3:5-7](#). And the 144,000 cannot be exempt from this requirement—the recognition that Jesus is The Messiah must at some point be **understood** by these 144,000 Jews. We should also remember that none of the 'real Jews' who die during this Church Age have yet accepted His true identity. Because any that do, who accept Him as The Messiah, will be raptured as part of the Church and the Bride of Christ, and there will be some that do. And no 'real Jews' will be raptured half way through The Beginning of Sorrows with the Tribulation Gentiles either without first accepting The Lord's true identity, and there must be some that do then too. But apparently all these 'prematurely raptured' Jews are 'technically' no longer 'real Jews' because they will be redeemed from the Earth as other Gentiles are. And this implies that most Jews remaining alive in Israel, and the dead ones described in Ezekiel 37 who are resurrected and transported there, will not come to recognize the true identity of their Messiah until late in The Beginning of Sorrows or they would no longer remain 'real Jews'. Considering all these things, it fits that most 'real Jews', including the 144,000, and probably also the Two Witnesses, aren't **born again** until very late in The Beginning of Sorrows.

And we already **know** of one event connected to this late **revelation**. It's The Rapture of the Dead Jews. And we **know** that only **some** of these resurrected Jews come to **the revelation of Jesus Christ**. Ezekiel tells the Jews it will happen when...

...the Lord GOD will ...cause you [Jews] to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel [Ezek 37:12](#).

And remember that Daniel's record places this event at the midpoint of The Great Tribulation ([Dan 12:1-2](#)). But how could any of these resurrected Jews have a clue to Jesus' true identity being resurrected into such chaos. I think

this implies that **some** of these resurrected Jews get their clue from the Two Witnesses. And I'm guessing that these **prophets** finally acknowledge that they're ambassadors of Christ just in time to do this. And I'm guessing this happens when their two spirits have the opportunity to visit **Abraham's bosom** for 3 ½ days while their bodies lie dead in the streets of Jerusalem. And that this visitation happens just before these Dead Jews are raptured to Israel. This way the Jews waiting in Abraham's Bosom will have an equally fair 'heads up' as the ones who have gone through The Beginning of Sorrows on Earth.

Of course, seeing how Abraham talked across the **great gulf** to the **rich man** in **hell** freely enough, and evidently even more so to the **beggar** beside him, I'm sure there will be a lot of testimony coming down to the Jews who die during The Beginning of Sorrows too. Still somehow, Gabriel assures us that at least **some** of these resurrected Jews will arrive in Israel who either don't **know** or don't believe or become confused as to the true identity of Jesus ([Dan 12:1-2](#)). And surely most Jews arriving in Israel today by natural means—though arguably no less miraculously **gathered** by God ([Ezek 38:8](#))—don't really **know** Jesus yet either. And it fits that **some** of these Jews will finally acknowledge **the truth** because of the 144,000, and just after these **firstfruits** become the first to be '**born again**' near the middle of The Great Tribulation, followed next by the Two Witnesses very shortly thereafter, and fortunately for **some**, just in time for them to **flee**.

Again, apparently all 'real Jews' that die before the midpoint of The Great Tribulation will be resurrected from Abraham's Bosom back to Israel. And before they're returned they should hear various perspectives of what's going on in The Beginning of Sorrows from the ones trickling down. And if any of them can reason like Abraham they shouldn't be clueless—though evidently divided. And I'm guessing the debate will get pretty lively down there, especially for dead people. But if the Two Witnesses visit them just before they are raptured to Israel, they'll surely hear the 'rightly divided' **truth** in time. And also certainly **some** of the Jews who live through The Beginning of Sorrows in Israel, when they see that the 144,000 recognize Jesus and are raptured, and when they see the death of the Two Witnesses, will also recognize Jesus for who He is and will be about ready to **flee** along with **some** of the resurrected ones when they arrive shortly thereafter.

And I say 'about ready to **flee**' because, fittingly, the same 3 ½ days that the World uses to rejoice over the death of the Two Witnesses, and evidently also over the just disappeared 144,000 Jews, would be available and timely for all the Jews in Israel who have just recognized Jesus to **mourn for him**. This would be the time that the Prophet Zechariah speaks of when, **...they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and...mourn for him**. And that would be Jesus. And beyond this Zechariah shows us that it's God's instigation that brings about this mass **revelation of Jesus Christ**. Revealing this climax of providence, God says,

I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced [Jesus], and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness

for his firstborn. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem... [Zech 12:10-11](#)

And isn't this just one of God's standard operating procedures? As Jesus says,

No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day [John 6:44](#).

So all this shows us that God finally finishes 'drawing' Israel to Himself at the time His **firstfruits** have their **revelation of Jesus Christ**. And I expect that the Two Witnesses follow with their **revelation** and death—or maybe instead with their 'disclosure' and death—I mean maybe these **prophets** are under orders to hold back for the right time to reveal the good news kind of like Jesus was during His ministry. However I expect that the Two Witnesses and the 144,000 will grow up as 'real Jews'. And it would not be inappropriate for them to come to this **revelation** at this time, because this would not really interfere with their ministries. And the **revelations** provided by the 144,000 and the Two Witnesses at this time would naturally lead the rest of the Jews, generally speaking, to follow with their **revelations**. So I expect that these events mark the time when the Jews in Israel will **mourn for him**. And that this time of **great mourning in Jerusalem** would most conveniently occur during the 3 ½ days that the rest of the World is busy exchanging gifts because of their joy over the disappearance of the 144,000 and the slaughter of the Two Witnesses. We could also speculate further about which **holyday** or **days** this week of events might fall on, but I'll leave that to you for now.

And the ramifications and rebuttals indicated in the Calvinism v. Arminianism argument I'll pass by again here too. But a point we don't want to miss is that this picture is far from complete, because there must be a lot of Jews in Israel at this time who must be rejoicing along with the rest of the World. And we will see that this is not happenstance. Satan will surely be doing some instigation of his own by rallying a formidable rebellion in Israel of Jews against God in the later part of The Beginning of Sorrows that culminates in a double-cross at The Abomination of Desolation as we will see in the next section. And we will also **continue** to follow Satan's **war with the remnant of her seed [Rev 12:17](#)**, that is the seed of **the woman**, otherwise known as the Antichrist's **war with the saints [Rev 13:7](#)**. But next, in His account of The Beginning of Sorrows, Jesus reveals one of mankind's standard operating procedures, namely rebellion. And we will see that this timely rebellion instigated by Satan leads to the **everlasting destruction of some**, but also that as a result there will be timely repentance instigated by God that leads to the **eternal salvation** of others.

Jesus' account of the situation with the Jews in Israel in The Beginning of Sorrows in [Matthew 24:9-14](#), [Mark 13:9-13](#) and [Luke 21:12-17](#) seems to show that 'faithful Jews' are in the minority. This is implied when He says that most Jews **shall wax** [or become] **cold** and will turn against the 'faithful ones'. But instead, this minority of 'faithful Jews' must be the ones who acknowledge Jesus first, even long before the 144,000 and the Two Witnesses do. And it's because they do that they are so severely persecuted and in

some cases even put **to death**. Read the passages. These faithful Jews are **hated** and **afflicted** and put **into prisons** and sometimes put **to death** by their Jewish families and Jewish **councils** and **synagogues** and **kings and rulers**, according to Jesus, all **for my name's sake**. It also appears that these new Christian Jews in Israel that are persecuted by Jews must, by **the gospel**, exit God's plan for 'real Jews' because they come to this **revelation** before God's plan for the rest of the Jews comes to 'fruition'. Jesus implies that this particular minority of Jews will either be incarcerated or be killed in Israel throughout The Beginning of Sorrows at the hands of other Jews precisely because of their faith in Him. And there is already a name for these Jewish-persecuted Jews. We call them Messianic Jews. And there is already a growing number of them in Israel.

And certainly one of the major motivations for otherwise good Jews resorting to such **cold** persecution of Christian Jews in their country—against their otherwise more peaceful national character—is that they will perceive an unprecedented amount of worldwide animosity against them in The Beginning of Sorrows. I expect this burden will provoke an unwillingness to suffer the additional burden of accommodating any form of Christianity in Israel. And this is why Jesus is telling us that 'real Jews' will weed out Christian Jews from among themselves in The Beginning of Sorrows. But this will only add to their **bitterness** and **great mourning** when they finally recognize their Messiah, likely just after the 144,000 and then the Two Witnesses do. I also expect that these Messianic Jews in The Beginning of Sorrows, without a little 'Paul-and-Silas style', ground-shaking intervention, will eventually be beheaded in The Days of Vengeance as we will see. Of course the end of The Beginning of Sorrows brings such a 'Paul-and-Silas style' event in the form of a **great earthquake**. And I expect that by this means many of these early persecuted Christian Jews will escape and **flee** along with the later converted ones at The Abomination of Desolation. For this reason I expect Jews like these may be able to join other Jews in God's refuge for them during The Days of Vengeance, and get back on track with the 'real Jews'. But it seems more likely to me that the ones who die 'prematurely' move on to a Gentiles' track. And remember it's even more likely that anyone converted before The Rapture of the Church will disappear with the Church. And that there is a number of other God-planned exits from all this turmoil to consider. But no matter how big this mess gets, Jesus **promises** that it cannot stop the circulation of the **gospel of the kingdom**—that Jesus is the Messiah—which **some** will suffer much persecution to expose, and which we will further expose in [SECTION 9](#).

Another point I should reinforce here is that **some** of the Jews involved with incarcerating or executing Christian Jews in Israel during The Beginning of Sorrows must be kind of like the Apostle Paul was before his conversion—just overzealous and overprotective of Israel. But others of these Jewish persecutors of Jews must be part of the rebellion against God instigated by Satan and the Antichrist also going on at this time as we will see. But whether for good motives or bad, all this persecution of these Christian Jews, which should go on until the end of The Beginning of Sorrows, is more evidence that most 'real Jews' come to **the revelation of Jesus Christ** very late in The Beginning of Sorrows. And that this turning point must come when the 144,000 Jews become ready to be redeemed as the **firstfruits** of

this **revelation**. And this must be when the rest of God's **chosen** people **find it** too, after which they will be ready **to mourn** Jesus while the rest of the World, including **some** still rebellious Jews, **rejoice**.

And I should also reinforce that I don't find it necessary or even expected that the 144,000 or the Two Witnesses must be aware that Jesus is the Messiah for them to accomplish the bulk of their ministry on Earth, because they would be expected to be, if preaching at all, calling Jews back to Judaism. However, I don't expect them to be involved or to encourage the persecution of the relatively few Jews who recognize Jesus in The Beginning of Sorrows, and they won't be around for the 3 ½ days of mourning either.

By-the-way, if Moses and Elijah are the Two Witnesses, we **know** that they knew Jesus' true identity from their earlier **transfigured** meeting with Him before His death and resurrection ([Mark 9:2-4](#)). But I expect that whoever the Witnesses are that they must either come to **know** Jesus, or come to **know** Him again, or that they are forbidden by God to **reveal** Him until after the 144,000 get it, leaving them evidently very little time to spread The Word before they're gone. And I guess it's possible that the Two Witnesses could **know** first, but that they just can't tell first, and that they must be raptured second by this reasoning. Of course, I expect them to have the **revelation** at least before they die and likely thereafter spend 3 ½ days in Abraham's Bosom to give the 'heads up' to the Jews waiting down there. But it fits for me that it's the 144,000 who give the Two Witnesses their 'heads up', because I expect that the first mission of The Two Witnesses, being in Jerusalem, is all about calling Jews back to a faithful, Tribulation-Temple-centered Judaism too. And this would be sufficient reason alone for them to be wearing **sackcloth** because **prophets** in the past have done so for the same reason. And since they are obviously hated by the whole World, their job must be to protect Israel by punishing the World with **plagues** for their attempts to assault Israel, but also likely to shake up some of the hardhearted Jews who need a little more encouragement to get the message.

Also, we are talking the 70th week of Daniel here, where God evidently continues His plan and ministry to His people in much the same way He did in the first 69 weeks before The Church Age. In The Beginning of Sorrows, calling Jews back to faithful Judaism would be the first step necessary to save 'real Jews'. And when we see what Jews will be doing in Jerusalem in The Millennium, this will make even more sense. So the mission of God's designated **prophets**, the Two Witnesses, and of His **sealed** 144,000 Jews, must be part of this 70 weeks plan, and part of the retraining of His people for The Millennium. The second necessary step in this plan is for Jews to acknowledge Jesus as The Messiah. So the **revelation** of The 144,000 Jews—their **birth**—would not have to happen till the very end of their ministry, at which point they are appropriately identified as being the first to be **born** again. Certainly, these must be the first 'real Jews' on the Jewish calendar plan to get it—that Jesus is The Savior of the World and their Messiah. As such they are indeed **the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb**, and are **born** into The Kingdom of God when they realize that Jesus is The One. Their **revelation** and rapture at this point would also likely be a persuasive 'heads-up' for the rest of the Jews in Israel too—the beginning of a mass Jewish

revelation of Jesus Christ. And we'll keep building on top of all this as we go.

The death of the Antichrist, likely because he tries to kill the Two Witnesses in the process of breaking the 7-year peace treaty **in the midst of the week of great tribulation**, is the trigger of several events that culminate in The Abomination of Desolation, and these events begin to throw everything into question for the Jews

Mark 13:13; Luke 21:17 Rev 12:1-14 Rev 10:3-4 Rev 13:3-14
Mat 10:22; Rev 6:9-11 Dan 9:27 Rev 11:15

The event that would have just taken place and could finally 'bring forth' this **revelation of Jesus Christ** to the 144,000 could easily be the death of the Antichrist. During the two or three days **he** lies dead should be a time of great distress for Israel when she will likely be taking the blame for his death from the whole World. And the Antichrist will surely be in Israel in the process of breaking **his** 7-year peace treaty when **he** is killed. This is why the time just before the Jews **flee** will be such a terrible period of distress for Israel. And it will likely be during this vigil over the Antichrist that the 144,000 will get their **revelation** of The Messiah. It should also be their time, before they're raptured, to get The Word out.

Again, the 144,000 must be gone or going when Satan is confined to the Earth. And Satan, we would expect, must arrive to revive the Antichrist within two or three days after his death. This would mean that very near the time when the 144,000 are **born**, Satan and his angels must be engaged by Michael and his angels in The War in Heaven so that his expulsion prevents him from being able to get at the 144,000, and so that when he is confined to the Earth he can resurrect and empower the Antichrist so that the Antichrist can then **kill** the Two Witnesses. And 3 ½ days later, after The Resurrection and Rapture of the Two Witnesses, and a **great earthquake**, and a rapture of formerly dead but likely just 'Witnesses-briefed' Jews to Israel, the Antichrist can then—since he is obviously in Jerusalem puffing up with the praise and worship for rising from the dead and ridding the World of the 144,000 and the Two Witnesses anyway—enter The Temple to claim the absolute authority needed to go after the remaining Jews and Christians, all of which by then should have enough warning to get out of there.

And many Jews won't need to wait for engraved invitations to their own beheading in order to **know** that the Antichrist and the rest of the World hate them and want to kill them. And the worldwide rejoicing over the death of the Two Witnesses is just one of the clues. Surely the response of the World to **rejoice** once the Two Witnesses are dead must be equal and opposite to the response that comes from the death of the Antichrist. But the fact that the whole World generally hates the Jews in Israel is already common knowledge, so we are talking about degrees here. The Beginning of Sorrows level of worldwide hatred of Jews evidently provokes the Jews to incarcerate and kill the Christians among them, and I expect that most Israelis will believe this is necessary as a release of steam, for national preservation, if not for some internal hatred too. But The Days of Vengeance level, provoked

by The Slaying of the Antichrist, will be much worse all around, except for those who escape on cue.

So this time of terrible distress for Israel when **the beast** lies **dead** must be associated with the time when **the woman** is **travailing in birth** and **her child** is **brought forth**. This must be when **Jerusalem is compassed with armies**, the Antichrist's armies. And this **travailing in birth** is exacerbated by the fact that Israel is harboring those daunting worldwide trouble-makers the Two Witnesses and those equally impervious and at least psychologically tormenting 144,000 Jews. All the pressure caused by these circumstances in this transition period from The Beginning of Sorrows to The Days of Vengeance must maximize the number and intensify the passion of those who really hate the Jews.

But Jesus tells us that the Jewish converts to Christianity will get the worst of the heat, saying about them,

...ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake ([Mat 10:22](#); [Mark 13:13](#); [Luke 21:17](#)).

Surely the martyrs **under the altar** of The Temple in Heaven are waiting for such as these ([Rev 6:9-11](#)). And I expect that all Jews and Christians wherever they live at this time will be vehemently **hated** by the World in general. And the consequences worldwide will be severe too as we will see. By-the-way and generally speaking, 'real Christians' in this case cannot include Catholics, because the vast majority of them will still be **lost** or **castaway**, and they will be the ones who will be leading the drive to persecute and kill 'real Christians', especially in Europe. But we will better define these severe consequences and the 'real' and 'not real' Christians in the next few sections.

Another big clue for the Jews is the fact that the Antichrist is in Jerusalem, backed by his **armies**. Yes, at this point it's clear that he'll have left his former home in Europe, and go to Israel in the process of 'breaking' his **covenant with many for one week...in the midst of the week** [Dan 9:27](#). And there are several ways we can tell he's in Jerusalem at this time. One is that the Two Witnesses lie dead in the streets of Jerusalem when they are killed by the Antichrist. Another is that his **armies** are surrounding Jerusalem around this time. And he desecrates and destroys The Temple in Jerusalem near this time too. Also we'll see how he must have been mopping up in Egypt just before he comes to do the same thing in Israel. In the first 3 ½ years of The Great Tribulation he will have been building the greatest World kingdom known to man and will be talked up by everyone that he is the best thing since, no, even better than Jesus Christ Himself. And this world-conquering, half-week-long journey will take him from his explosive start in one country in Europe to the midpoint declaration in The Temple in Jerusalem of his absolute authority and godhood. These are all topics we will develop further in the next few sections.

But he will eventually be seen by 'real Jews' to have failed to keep his promised seven year **covenant** with them as well as with the rest of the World. Covenants are very important to the Jews. And surely the buzz among the Jews must include this debate though this will not discourage some of them to believe that this emerging World ruler must be the 'real

Messiah'. His death, however, must at least provoke some serious soul-searching among the Jews, if not also among all the peoples of the World. But surely all this covenant breaking will help wake up the 144,000 Jews and, if necessary, the Two Witnesses.

And the death of the Antichrist must be accompanied by the intense hatred of Jews by the whole World, because we **know** that the later killing of the Jewish Witnesses brings unprecedented, spontaneous and widespread joy. At least some Jews should see that this scenario is all wrong, and that they are being set up by a deceiver. Indeed it is a set up, and the Jews who begin to see it as such should then be ready for **the revelation** of Jesus Christ's true identity.

And maybe, to speculate vainly, the biggest clue for both Jews and potential Christians alike will come when **the seven thunders** have **uttered their voices** [Rev 10:3-4](#). I mean maybe these **voices** proclaim and specifically identify that Jesus is The King of Kings and Lord of Lords, or not. But whatever this **uttered** proclamation may be, it's surely an important announcement and evidently concerning this time. And I can't think of a more important **truth** that needs to be **understood** at this time than this. And we **know** that there will be an angel in the sky orbiting the Earth proclaiming this very same **truth** not too long after this time anyway. Or instead, the **revelation** for Jews in Israel could come simply because they are thinking, 'Well, it can't be that covenant breaker who just brought the hate of the whole World down on us, so who is it then?' And maybe **the seven thunders** will not be needed to answer this question but will speak to something else. Besides, Jesus assures us at this time that the unstoppable **gospel of the kingdom** is ongoing—surely aided by all those incarcerated and martyred Jews for Jesus in Israel—so **the seven thunders** could just as easily have another **mystery** message.

But how does the Antichrist get himself killed in Israel when what he really wants the most is to kill the Two Witnesses and all of the rest of the Jews for that matter? Well, we just need to realize that he has to die before he can possibly accomplish this. And that before he dies he should be more or less just as physically vulnerable as the rest of us, not to mention not nearly as powerful. And this is when we should remember that anyone who tries to kill the Two Witnesses during their 1260 days of their ministry **must in...[like] manner be killed** [Rev 11:5](#). And it's more than reasonable to assume that the Antichrist is just as hell-bent on killing the Two Witnesses a few days before he is resurrected as after, and that he comes to Israel for this very purpose in the first place. And the results are also just as predictable. So it seems very likely that the source of the Antichrist's **deadly wound** [Rev 13:3,12](#) is the Two Witnesses. And I mean that on his first attempt to kill them he will die trying.

And by-the-way, I just want us to notice here again that it's a **wound by a sword** [Rev 13:14](#)—not a gun—and that by now this fact should be no surprise since this event must occur near the midpoint of The Great Tribulation with almost thirteen of the fourteen Seal and Trumpet Judgments done—many of these involving lots of earthshaking, infrastructure-obliterating, extra-planetary assistance, and at a point when there is no longer any reason do the '1st to 21st century shuffle' anymore. And I mean that the judgments of The Beginning of Sorrows should knock us back, technology-wise, more than

a couple millennia—back before the time of Roman roads, and back to the use of swords as a primary weapon of war. And we will address this issue further in the next few sections too.

Now this theory that the Two Witnesses first kills the Antichrist before the Antichrist is resurrected to kill the Two Witnesses is speculative, as other more popular theories about how he dies are—like for example that it's a political assassination. The difference with this theory from all the others I've heard is that it's connected to a lot more **scripture**, and uses a much broader picture of all that is going on at the time. Some might even agree that sufficient **proof** for the case has been given here already. But we have even more to connect to these circumstances in the next section, so there is no need to 'jump the gun' at this point. But certainly, it should become more and more apparent—again in part because of the 'Scripture-interconnectivity', and in part for the lack of any better scripturally-supported scenarios—that after the Antichrist is resurrected and empowered he will no longer be just a **man**, and that with his new power he will finally be able to kill the Two Witnesses like he has wanted to all along.

The Dozen Nails in the Antichrist's Coffin that are clues for the Jews to **flee**

- 1) The Midterm Covenant Violations
- 2) The Slaying of the Antichrist (because he attacks the Two Witnesses)
- 3) The Mourning of the Antichrist
- 4) The Peak of Anti-Semitism
- 5) The Birth and Rapture of the 144,000 Jews
- 6) The Resurrection and Empowering of the Antichrist
- 7) The Slaughter of the Two Witnesses
- 8) The Celebration of the Kingdom of Satan and the Antichrist
- 9) The Resurrection and Rapture the Two Witnesses
- 10) The Midterm Great Earthquake (that destabilizes the Antichrist's forces)
- 11) The Rapture of the Dead Jews to Israel
- 12) The Abomination of Desolation

These **Dozen Nails in the Antichrist's Coffin** are the proverbial nails from the perspective of 'real Jews' that should help to bring **some** of them to **the revelation of Jesus Christ**. These events should also help 'birth' Christians worldwide. And the brief period that contains all these events begins with the successful attempt of the Antichrist to finally conquer Egypt, and exposes the obviously broken 7-year peace treaty just before the midpoint. I call this beginning hostile action by the Antichrist **1) The Midterm Covenant Violations**. And this reckless and dishonorable behavior results in **2) The Slaying of the Antichrist** when he arrives in Israel and attacks the Two Witnesses but in the process gets himself killed, and **3) The Mourning of the Antichrist** which leads to **4) The Peak of Anti-Semitism**, a climax of worldwide hatred for Jews. These events should tip off the 144,000 resulting in **5) The Birth and Rapture of the 144,000 Jews** which should result in many other Jews being **born again** too. Next, we should have **6) The Resurrection of the Antichrist**, and immediately thereafter **7) The Slaughter of the Two Witnesses** followed by, **8) 3 ½ days** that are either very happy or very sad depending on

your perspective, then 9) The Resurrection and Rapture of the Two Witnesses, and 10) The Midterm Great Earthquake in Israel which should buy some time for the Jews including some distraction for, 11) The Rapture of the Dead Jews to Israel which is the last thing that needs to happen on Earth before, 12) the Antichrist can then enter, desecrate and ultimately destroy The Jerusalem Temple giving the final alert to the Jew to escape before it's too late. Undoubtedly, relatively many Jews and Gentiles all over the World will be newly **born again** with the help of these spectacles, some of whom will find places and ways to hide because some of these must survive to repopulate the Earth in The Millennium, but others must be caught and executed throughout the rest of The Days of Vengeance to await upcoming raptures. But of course, many more won't get it at all, because John tells us that, generally speaking,

...that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan...deceiveth the whole world [Rev 12:9](#)

The Baker's Dozen Midterm Events in the transition from The Beginning of Sorrows to The Days of Vengeance from both earthly and heavenly perspectives

- 1) The Slaying and Mourning of the Antichrist
- 2) The Rapture of the 144,000 Jews
- 3) The War in Heaven
- 4) The Resurrection of the Antichrist
- 5) The Slaughter of the Two Witnesses
- 6) The Celebration of the Kingdom of Satan and the Antichrist on Earth
- 7) The Great Mourning of the Jews in the Revelation of Jesus Christ
- 8) The Resurrection and Rapture of the Two Witnesses
- 9) The Midterm Great Earthquake
- 10) The Rapture of the Dead Jews to Israel
- 11) The Celebration of The Eternal Kingdom of God and of Christ in Heaven
- 12) The Abomination of Desolation
- 13) The Flight of the Jews.

Now let's review our pumped up collection of crucial midterm transition events that I'll call [The Baker's Dozen](#). And by-the-way, all these names are mainly mnemonics (memory devices) for exercising in these topics. The same is true for the titles and names that I've given to all the prophetic events, characters, places and things—capitalized when appropriate because they'll surely turn out to be among the most significant events, people, places and things of all history, all of which should not be left without proper names. Yes, pun intended. The point is that consistent terms can be helpful, and I am endeavoring to provide them. And again, I have used as many of the already popular terms as I could. And if there are some in use that I haven't heard of, then they're not likely that popular anyway, at least anymore, or not yet, or I may have found some of them too academic or misleading. No slighting otherwise intended. Of course as our perspective is corrected and improved, some of my terms may need adjusting too.

Now some of these events in this list happen at the same time as the

others described as early as the end of Chapter 9, and others connect all the way into Chapter 18. But they are all events happening during the week or two at the close of The Beginning of Sorrows to the start of The Days of Vengeance. And still more events within this transition period can be found throughout these chapters and throughout The Bible too. The more you look, the more you can find. And this is one way to see that it's impossible to totally finish this analysis, just like it's impossible to finish growing in The Word of God. And this is also why in time it's natural for those who **continue** to come across the shortcomings of those who think they've finished their analysis on any topic.

So in time, and for as much time as we have before these events actually transpire, there is really no limit to what we can discover connected to these overlapping accounts. And I guess you could say that the job would really begin after the events transpire—so we could then check our work so to speak and really start to see the meaning of it all. But let's say we could narrow down the transition period from The Beginning of Sorrows to The Days of Vengeance to just 13 main events occurring in Heaven and on Earth. My incomplete list is arguably the most important of these events, most of which we've already seen in a list or two already.

Again, the overlapping accounts in Chapters 11-18 may each tell us about one or more of these events, but none of these summaries from their different perspectives will cover anywhere near all 13. And it's the events common to more than one account that help us begin to piece together the actual order. At the same time we have to be aware that events that follow one another in any given account may not actually immediately follow one another because other events from other accounts may fit in between. Further complicating the layering of these accounts is the layering of events within some of these chapters themselves. And on top of that, the layering of accounts in both individual and different accounts can **reveal** different aspects of the same events, which altogether makes it seemingly impossible to establish the exact order of all the events for sure. Still, I **know** God wants us to **work** for it, and from the **exercise** answers will come, unendingly. But I also **know** that He sometimes must hide things from us for our own good. So I intend to use these continuing lists of mine, along with these and other observations on God's presentation, to establish, in this state-of-the-art style, the most likely order of all these events, but also to show why I've got a sneaking suspicion that God planned it so that we can't yet precisely order all of them.

[God's common method of the layering of information along with the mysteries He is hiding makes the order of events difficult to impossible to discern in Revelation 12](#)

[Rev 12:9](#)

[Gen 10:5](#)

[Gen 10:18-20](#)

[Rev 13:3](#)

[Rev 11:7](#)

Revelation 12 offers me continual encouragement for my sneaking suspicion that God really doesn't want anyone to **know** for sure in advance exactly the order of all the events during the transition from The Beginning of

Sorrows to The Days of Vengeance. I don't get this idea from the *allegory*, but because the events are presented in one order and then presented again in a different order within this same chapter. And it's confusing because every verse but one in this chapter, in the KJV, starts with the conjunction **And**—and you thought it was just me that has this obsession! The problem with all these conjunctions in this case is that this repetition at first glance seems to imply consecutive events. However since some of the descriptions of the events are repeated and appear in the process to change from their originally stated order, this cannot be the case. Instead, it must be that the story is told in non-chronological layers with only the order within the layers being chronological. This would allow for an overall out-of-order presentation of events. But the actual order would then depend on how you cut it and shuffle it back together.

This kind of layering method is found throughout the Old Testament. See Genesis 10 and 11 for example. In Genesis 10, commonly referred to as The Table of Nations, we are told that...

...the Gentiles [were] divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations [Gen 10:5](#).

And we are told how these nations are ***spread abroad...after their tongues*** [Gen 10:18-20](#). But it's not until the next chapter that we find out that all this 'dividing' and 'spreading abroad' was made necessary in the first place because of a little incident at the Tower of Babel where God created all the languages. And in the same way we can see that the first two chapters in Genesis layer the story of Creation. So anyone who fails to recognize this technique God uses to 'divide up' His Word will make **errors**. And I mean that this is part of what God means when He says to those who will **not hear**, that His Word nonetheless remains ***precept upon precept...line upon line...here a little, and there a little***, so that those who are not willing or expecting to search both far and wide for answers He will not **teach** 'meaty' **knowledge** nor **make to understand [deep] doctrine** ([Isa 28:9-13](#), [1 Cor 2:9-10](#)). And some especially meaty precept building is required within the middle chapters of Revelation. These several accounts are meant to be layered and connected together because they all cover nearly the same time frame. This creates confusion initially because each account may or may not present events in order while each leaves some of the events out that are found in neighboring accounts. And a more complete **understanding** really requires support from all **scripture**.

But to make matters worse, Chapter 12 has multiple layering going on within a 'single account'. And though layering within the same chapter or passage is not uncommon in **scripture**—it happens in Chapter 13 too—the extra layering in Chapter 12 makes it suspicious because it stands out from the others in this way. Why in this chapter? Again, I think it is because, as in Chapter 10 when the **seven thunders uttered**, God is hiding something from us.

So in our case in point in Chapter 12, this degree of layering leaves me uncertain as to the actual order of a few of the events. And what specifically is uncertain is where Satan is standing while he is awaiting the **birth** of the **child**? It is either in Heaven or on Earth but there may not be a provable

answer for this. Any speculation, however, should include consideration of what is going on in Heaven and on the Earth around the time Satan positions himself to **devour** the **child**. This must include the Antichrist's midterm death which is implied in Chapter 11 to have previously occurred because he is seen there already having come **out of the bottomless pit** [Rev 11:7](#). And this resurrection is also implied to have previously occurred in Chapter 13 because we are told there that **his deadly wound was** [already] **healed** [Rev 13:3](#). And the circumstances in these chapters must be connected to The War in Heaven, and also to the Antichrist's conquest of The Two Witnesses in Jerusalem, and all at the end of The 6th Trumpet / 2nd Woe. And there is also the consideration that **armies** are already surrounding Jerusalem to help **kill** the Two Witnesses before the Antichrist enters The Temple, which can also be connected to an earlier failed attempt at killing The Two Witnesses, and also to the Antichrist's earlier victory over Egypt.

And expanding the picture still wider, the participation of these **armies** in all these events must somehow be facilitated by the vacuum created by God through the undoubtedly most horrific slaughter of all time of 1/3 of the Earth's remaining population by the spiritual creatures described back in Chapter 9 who are really the main event of The 6th Trumpet / 2nd Woe. And surely all these events and more will play a part in when and where Satan chooses to lie in wait to **devour** the **child**.

Ambiguous layering in Revelation 12 hides the order of the events

- 1) The woman travails in labor and birth
- 2) Satan drags 1/3 of the angels from Heaven to Earth
- 3) Satan awaits the birth of the child to devour it
- 4) The child is born
- 5) The child is raptured
- 6) The woman flees
- 7) Satan and his angels are cast out of Heaven as a result of a war in Heaven
- 8) Satan pursues the woman seeing he is cast to the Earth
- 9) The woman flees and escapes Satan with help from the Earth

[Rev 12:1-13](#)

[Rev 9:1-2](#)

Let me show you more specifically some of what I mean about the confusion created by the layering in Chapter 12. First we are shown...

...a great wonder in heaven of a woman... with child [who] 1) cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered [Verses 1-2](#).

Next,

...there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads [which Verse 9 verifies is *Satan*]. And 2) his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth; and 3) the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born [Verses 3-4](#).

So, the second event presented in this account seems to involve the defeat of Satan, with his angels symbolized as **the stars of heaven** in the same way that the angel of The 5th Trumpet Judgment is symbolized as **a star** in [Revelation 9:1-2](#). But here we see an apparent firestorm as **the third part of the stars of heaven** are **cast...to the earth** obviously indicating the angels' defeat and expulsion from Heaven along with Satan. And the third event presented is Satan lying in wait **before the woman...to devour her child as soon as it was born**. But I expect that both this star shower and this planned ambush of the **child** by **the dragon** are only visible in the spiritual realm.

Next John relates a few more events about **the woman** and **her child**. He adds that 4) the **child** is **born**, and 5) the **child** is raptured, and then that 6) **the woman** flees, seemingly all in this order. Or so we would think. Because next, confusion arises when the second event, when Satan's **tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth**, is retold as, 7) the **war in heaven** where Satan **...and his angels were cast out with him** [Verses 4-9](#). And there is no clear context to help us place this repeated event.

Naturally, Satan and his angels, who seem to be cast out together, cannot be both **cast...to the earth** before and **cast out with him** after the time Satan lies in wait **before the woman**. It's got to be one or the other. Either Satan is waiting in Heaven **before the woman**—evidently in this case watching over **her** from Heaven, hoping to get the 144,000 as they are raptured to Heaven just after they are **born**, and is prevented when they arrive by being **cast out** in the **war in heaven**, or he is already **cast down** to Earth to wait **before the woman** where he ultimately fails because God redeems **her child** after **she** is **delivered** and before he can pounce. Of course it makes sense that Satan, his angels and the 144,000 could all be in Heaven at the same time as long as Michael and his angels have the rebel angels occupied with The War in Heaven as soon as The 144,000 arrive. This could be why **the war** starts in the first place. But it's not so clear what could give Satan pause if he's already with the 144,000 on Earth. Maybe if he 'devours' the 144,000 before they have their **revelation**, they will just pop right back up 'whack-a-mole' style in the shortly following Rapture of the

Dead Jews—which wouldn't do him any good—and if this idea is correct it also helps place this rapture after their **revelation** as already suspected. But the fact that there is a **war of angels** specifically mentioned to be taking place **in heaven** and not one like it on Earth leads me to think that this is where Satan is waiting, but I should say that I am certainly not sure about it.

To complicate matters further, in Verse 13 we are told that 8) **when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child** [Verse 13](#) which seems to imply that the first thing he does after landing on Earth is to search for **the woman** which evidently he still thinks he has a chance to attack, but not anymore **her child**. Of course, this also seems to imply that the **child** is already gone from the Earth when he arrives, and that his missed chance at the 144,000 takes place in Heaven because of **the war in heaven**. But we have already seen how a lot of other things must be happening between when Satan is **cast down** and when he pursues **the woman**. So Satan may be on Earth waiting to **devour** the 144,000 after they are **born again**, but they are nonetheless raptured before he can get them, which then diverts him to go after all the other Jews and Christians.

And if all this isn't confusing enough, a little further on John launches into a second, more detailed account of 9) the escape of **the woman**—the second account in this chapter of The Flight of the Jews. So how can we be sure of the order? There are obviously layered accounts in this chapter because two of the events are recounted, or elaborated upon, after they are originally mentioned. So how can we tell when each layer starts and ends, and what, if anything, does each skip over, and what happens just before and after each layered account? But hey, you've come a long way if you just **understand** these questions. By them we can **understand** that God may not want us to know all the answers for sure. But it's only by them that we can hope to eventually figure it all out. And there's no doubt God constructed this passage this way on purpose.

The Ten Fast Flurry Flight Events happen [between](#) the start of woman's labor and her flight and result in The Abomination of Desolation and The War with the Saints

- 1) The Rapture of the 144,000 Jews
- 2) The War in Heaven
- 3) The Resurrection and Empowering of the Antichrist
- 4) The Slaughter of the Two Witnesses
- 5) The Celebration of the Kingdom of Satan and the Antichrist on Earth
- 6) The Great Mourning of the Jews in the Revelation of Jesus Christ
- 7) The Resurrection and Rapture of the Two Witnesses
- 8) The Midterm Great Earthquake
- 9) The Rapture of the Dead Jews to Israel
- 10) The Celebration of The Eternal Kingdom of God and of Christ in Heaven

We can further illustrate the uncertainties in this **allegory** by considering the actions of **the woman**. Her account can be summed up in three events. She is in labor. She gives birth. And she flees to the wilderness. But this list of events only concerns **the woman**. So I believe, for reasons we have

already covered and for those we are about to, that though the three events in the account of **the woman** must occur in this order, that there are undoubtedly other events that fit in between them, and obviously events taking place just before and after them. Yes, the birth must immediately follow the labor, but something else is doubtless going on in the World between the time the labor begins and the child is born, such as the surrounding of Jerusalem with the armies of the Antichrist, and the worldwide mourning and outrage over the death of the Antichrist when he first attacks the Two Witnesses.

And surely The Flight of the Jews must follow the labor and delivery of the **child**, but some other business that is very likely going on in between is, 1) The Rapture of the 144,000 that is somehow associated with, 2) the triumph of Michael and his angels over Satan and his angels leading to their expulsion from Heaven, and 3) The Resurrection of the Antichrist followed by, 4) The Slaughter of the Two Witnesses followed by, 5) 3 ½ days of worldwide rejoicing for Satan and the Antichrist likely synchronized with, 6) the **great mourning** of the Jews because of their **revelation of Jesus Christ**, ending with 7) The Resurrection and Rapture of the Two Witnesses, followed immediately by 8) a midterm **great earthquake**, and **quickly** thereafter by, 9) The Rapture of the Dead Jews to Israel along with, 10) a celebration of the beginning of The Eternal Kingdom of God and of Christ in Heaven, and finally comes The Abomination of Desolation as the Jews **flee**. And we will **continue** to confirm that this is also the 'official' beginning of The War with the Saints.

And the main event leading up to these three events involving **the woman** and **her child** would be the worldwide massacre of 1/3 of the remaining population of Earth by the 200 million creatures—yes, living creatures—of the 6th Trumpet / 2nd Woe described in Revelation 9. And no, it's not China since God's creatures will be much more lethal, God-controlled and God-targeted, not to mention scarier and more powerful than all of the World's forces combined could ever be. And I mean God's creatures will be efficiently killing only the God-selected, billion-plus people in the about 100 prescribed days, and somehow not significantly interfering—if not aiding—with what the Antichrist will be doing in Egypt and Israel.

Another campaign that will be winding up at the time of the woman's distress is The Ministry of the Two Witnesses. And Satan's access to Heaven will be winding down. And again, following The Flight of the Jews would be the start of The War with the Saints—another worldwide massacre led by another 'ministry' we will account for in the next couple sections.

The midterm events cannot all be exactly ordered, probably by design to mislead Satan, but connections can be made throughout the several layered accounts that will establish some parameters that with further exercise may lead us to further proved and tested **revelations**

2 Peter
1:19

Daniel
12:9
Jer 17:9

Rev 13:7
Rev 11:7
Rev 12:9

Rev 12:17
1 Cor 2:8
Rev 12:10

Rev 11:15
Rev 13:2-3
Rev 12:13

So this is how the layering works in the middle chapters of Revelation. Each account provides a list (or lists) of events that may or may not present the events in consecutive order, and invariably these presentations naturally omit events that are described in the perspectives of neighboring accounts that are taking place around the same time. And dealing with all these chapters is like shuffling a deck of cards. Even if you knew the order of the cards in each half of the deck before they are shuffled together, it's impossible to exactly predict their order after shuffling, though you could be sure that they would all end up very close together. So we must endeavor to keep clear about the things we are sure of and the things we are not. And it's only in the maintenance of this kind of **integrity** before God that you should expect that He will **continue** to show you new **revelations** in His time and in yours. Your **integrity** before God requires that new **revelations** need to be tested, even when **gifts** of The Spirit are involved. And any of you who have been doing this for a while should also **know** that we cannot always even be sure of the things we think we are sure of because **revelations** by nature are surprising. So when you reach junctures of confusion, be **patient** and remind yourself that you **do well that ye take heed** [2 Pet 1:19](#). And remember it's the **continuing** process itself that keeps us on the right track, and spiritually safe, and close to God.

I've been exercising in these precepts for more than two decades, but I should make clear that some of the **revelations** I am sharing with you in this **study** God has given me very recently through the writing of it. So we are dealing with some really new **revelations**—and not so much the kind beginners start with. And this requires caution. But we should expect that new **revelations** will come in their God-appointed times. An example of this is **the revelation of Jesus Christ** still to come to the Jews and evidently not until shortly before Satan enters The Temple in Jerusalem. We **know** they haven't come to this **revelation** yet and that they will have to wait on God's timing to receive it. And surely God has His timing for **revelations** for the Church too. And surely the time for us is now. And this is why I believe that some of the **revelations** that have been recently **revealed** to me from the **prophecies** of Daniel **prove** that they are no longer **closed up and sealed till the time of the end** [Dan 12:9](#). But I also believe this 'opening' started a while ago, and that we were given the beginnings of this **understanding** in a series of lectures in 1840, without which I would have never come to my **understanding**. Some of this story of 'the opening of end times prophecy' is in the next section. And we will see that many wretched sinners went before us and made it possible for me—another prime example of a wretched sinner—and anyone else who will **take heed**, to now be able to fully **understand** end times prophecy, as much as God will allow, that is. And I **continue** in the **faith** and the **experience** that the limits of **knowledge** by **revelation** will remain forever boundless. Oh, and in **the faith** that my **desperately wicked** sins ([Jer 17:9](#)) are covered by the blood of Christ.

So go figure. Sure, we will speculate further, and we will even do so in this **study**. And so far I have placed these events in an order that seems reasonable, but I still don't see, at least yet, how anyone can tell for sure the exact order of all of these midterm events, especially The Rapture of the 144,000 in relation to The War in Heaven. And that's probably the way God

wants it. The cases for the placement of The Great Mourning of the Jews in The Revelation of Jesus Christ and The Rapture of the Dead Jews are also a little too scripturally thin to get all 'doctrinal' about. But I do like the fit of the order that I have presented. Though surely I'm missing something yet to be discovered, or pieces of the puzzle others may have already found, or, as I expect, both.

And it will have to be enough for me for now to **know** that Satan will be prevented from 'devouring' The 144,000 because of The War in Heaven and by their rapture, one way or the other. And that some of the other events could certainly slide or overlap a little. And maybe the exact order and details need to remain a secret for the protection of the 144,000, because surely the events will work together to accomplish just that. Satan will hope to attack them, whether during their last moments on Earth or their first in Heaven, but he will obviously be prevented from carrying out this attack. Either way, this is too much provocation for Satan to just crawl off and sulk because **that old serpent** will undoubtedly and immediately coil up and strike back as venomously as he can, and apparently he does by reviving and empowering the Antichrist **to make war with the saints** [Rev 13:7](#) , and likely first of all, to **make war against...and kill** the Two Witnesses ([Rev 11:7](#)), and when Satan gets **the whole world** on his side ([Rev 12:9](#)), he will go after **the woman**, but fail again to catch many of these escaping Jews. This of course will only further enrage him **to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ** even more venomously ([Rev 12:17](#)).

And Satan is certainly a force that even God needs to reckon with. One way to see this is that in the past God has taken measures to mislead Satan due to the cosmological level of danger that could result from giving him too much information. Paul tells us of the cost to Satan of crucifying Jesus about which...

...none of the [human or angelic] princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory [1 Cor 2:8](#).

God successfully **hid** this consequence from Satan and his **princes** then, and it saved us all. And we already **know** that God is hiding what the **seven thunders uttered**. This and other **mysteries** are probably in play here in the same way. Still, having clearly identified this and other obstacles to our **understanding**, we nonetheless have some order-establishing connections within this three-ring circus of events that give us at least a fair idea of the order of things.

In the middle of the layering in Chapter 12, at the end of the second, more detailed account of The War in Heaven and the casting **down** of Satan and his angels, the next thing John hears is...

...a loud voice saying in heaven, 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 12:10](#).

And this victorious proclamation clearly follows this purge of Heaven. And this proclamation should sound familiar to you. It sounds a lot like the one 'back' in Chapter 11 in The 7th Trumpet / 3rd Woe where John records,

...there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ [Rev 11:15](#).

And remember that this happens **quickly** after the **great earthquake** in Jerusalem concluding The 6th Trumpet / 2nd Woe. These angelic proclamations must be the same or made at the same time and about the same Beginning-of-Sorrows ending event from two different perspectives. And putting them together we can back up the premise that this places all other events in Chapter 11 before it, and all the events described in Chapter 12 too, except for The Flight of the Jews and the **war with the remnant**, which must be the last events in Chapter 12 not just in presentation but also chronologically.

And the implied assassination of The Antichrist in both these chapters must also come before The War in Heaven and again probably near the same time as The Rapture of the 144,000 Jews. And this further implies that the first thing Satan really does when he arrives on Earth to **persecute** the Jews is to 'resurrect' the Antichrist to use him for the stated and implied tasks described in Chapters 11 and 13. And this is really nearly the same chunk of time—of about a week—as in the beginning of Chapter 12 between the **birth** of the **child** and when **the woman** is seen to **fly into the wilderness**.

So my perspective remains that Chapter 12 contains a small but indeterminable number of layered accounts because we don't **know** for sure where they all start or end, but because two events are repeated, there must be at least two, and that however you cut them these accounts are plainly full of gaps due to perspective. And there is really a mix of several perspectives in this chapter, which is probably the key to ultimately determining the true order. But again, this uncertainty forces us to leave the precise order of a few events—including The Rapture of the 144,000 Jews, The War in Heaven, The Great Mourning of the Jews in The Revelation of Jesus Christ, and The Rapture of the Dead Jews—in the realm of speculation.

But there is also the observation that the revived Antichrist, fresh **out of the bottomless pit**, helps us further substantiate the order of some of the midterm events. He is seen and identified by combining the descriptions of him in Chapter 11 and 13. And in Chapter 17 we see him being 'ridden' by a clearly different **woman** which is a **city** and institutional headquarters—which we'll saddle ourselves with in the section after next. These are order-establishing connections because a revived, empowered Antichrist is needed to be able to kill the Two Witnesses, and this must occur at least 3 ½ days and a **great earthquake** before The Celebration of The Eternal Kingdom of God and of Christ in Heaven. And we should see that these 3 ½ days of exuberance over the perceived triumphs of Satan and the Antichrist are also needed to gain the worldwide support necessary to pull off The Abomination of Desolation, and force the Jews to **flee**. And we should see that **if** The Rapture of the 144,000 Jews and Satan's plummet to Earth are inexorably intertwined and necessary before Satan will even want to revive and empower the Antichrist in order to kill the Two Witnesses, then The Rapture

of the 144,000 must be before the death of the Two Witnesses, etc.

We will also further confirm that John offers additional support for these conclusions speaking of **the beast** in Chapter 13, reporting that Satan **gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority**, and that this is at a time when **his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast** [Rev 13:2-3](#). The World 'wonders' **after the beast** not just because he rises from the dead but also because he uses some of his new satanic power to kill the Two Witnesses, and probably because he takes the credit for getting rid of the 144,000 too.

The Satanic 6-Step Shuffle

And none of these observations contradict that **when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman** [Rev 12:13](#) if we recognize that these are consecutive events in terms of the relationship between **the dragon** and **the woman** only. So here's another subset of the above lists that I'll call [The Satanic 6-Step Shuffle](#). It includes the events transpiring on Earth between the time Satan arrives on Earth and the time he pursues the escaping Jews, including...

- 1) The Resurrection of the Antichrist, then
- 2) The Slaughter of the Two Witnesses by the Antichrist, followed by
- 3) The Celebration of the Kingdom of Satan and the Antichrist on Earth, then
- 4) The Resurrection and Rapture of The Two Witnesses, and
- 5) The Midterm Great Earthquake (likely **quickly** followed by The Rapture of the Dead Jews), then
- 6) The Abomination of Desolation where...

...the Antichrist declares himself to be '**God**', giving himself all authority to go after **believers** wherever they may be, starting with the escaping ones destined—or **prophesied**—to get away.

The Weeklong Transition from The Beginning of Sorrows to The Days of Vengeance

So besides all the excessive repetition for the sake of beginners—who are likely still somewhat confused as previously forewarned, that is if they haven't added to my repetition some of their own—and regardless of whether you're a beginner or not, I expect all this is a 'new and better' perspective of these midterm events than you've ever seen before. I've never seen anything like it anywhere anyway. But again, I also expect this perspective must be improved upon over time. As new developments in the World take place, and for as long as The Lord tarries in His return, and as far as God is willing, I'm counting on it. Besides, this **study** raises as many questions as answers, as any mature **study** should. And every time a new insight comes along it will change things, including possibly the order of events I have preferred in this **study**, not to mention the veritable paradigm shifts that take place when God's hidden mysteries are **revealed**. Still, whatever the

case or topic, you better think you're bringing the whole Word of God with you if you think that you have found new **revelations** that are worth testing. But this **study** is really just a primer for those who Paul would call, the more **dull of hearing**, because surely some have not really endured this **study** even this far—though the best is yet to come.

And by now we should see that a purely sequential analysis in these middle chapters of Revelation is certainly no where near enough. So enough with the lists—at least for now. Because you should now be ready to review the following 'state of the art' [CHART of the Transition from The Beginning of Sorrows to The Days of Vengeance](#). Again and naturally, any 'art' or 'science' can be improved upon over time. In this case, this chart is my best attempt to sort out the transition between The Beginning of Sorrows and The Days of Vengeance so far. But we're not through substantiating this chart yet. The work should **continue** through the rest of this **study** and beyond. And in case you haven't got it yet, there can be no such thing as an 'end all' **study**. And it's time you got used to the repetition too, because that is where the best **revelations** come from—well, other than when they come directly from God to his **prophets** or through other ministries of The Spirit.

CHART of the Transition from The Beginning of Sorrows to The Days of Vengeance

< > = SIMULTANEOUS OR POSSIBLE OUT OF ORDER EVENTS

Described Events		Implied Events
Revelation 11 The Two Witnesses & The Beast	Revelation 12 The Woman, The Child & The Dragon	Revelation 13 The First & Second Beasts
The end of the massacre of 1/3 of Earth's population (from Ch. 9) and of The Ministry of the Two Witnesses at the end of The Second Woe or 6th Trumpet Judgment	Woman in labor Child born then raptured to Heaven < > Satan & angels lose war & cast to Earth	Beast's armies surround Jerusalem Beast killed by 'sword wound'
Witnesses killed in War with the Beast	Satan revives & empowers the Antichrist to plot to annihilate Jews & Christians & to rule the World & empowers the False Prophet to institute worldwide worship during 3 ½ days of worldwide rejoicing	Beast dead about 3 days
Witnesses dead 3 ½ days in Jerusalem while World celebrates		Beast rises from the dead
Resurrection and Rapture of Witnesses		Worldwide celebration of the Dragon and Beast prepares the way for 42 months of World rule, the mark & worship of the Image of the Beast controlled by the Second Beast
2nd Great Global Earthquake		
7th Trumpet < Dead Jews Rapture > God's kingdom begins in Heaven	God's kingdom begins in Heaven	God's kingdom begins in Heaven
Jews flee, or get caught and killed, or side with the Beast	Satan chases fleeing Woman but she escapes to 1260-days sanctuary	Beast commits The Abomination of Desolation
Decapitation of dissenters & war-kills by beast escalate	War on remnant Jews & Christians by Satan unleashed	Beast World rule begins & his War with the Saints peaks

So again, the chart shows three parallel or synchronized accounts from Chapters 11, 12, and 13, each with specifically described and implied details of events in a transition period that is less than two weeks but maybe no longer than about a week, and runs chronologically from top to bottom in the three perspectives. You should notice that there are specifically 'described events' running continually from top to bottom because these events are taken directly from these chapters, and they present the different perspectives within the same time period. And only a couple of the 'implied events' are not described in any of the three chapters but are found elsewhere in The Bible. This includes the reference to when the "Beast's armies surround Jerusalem", which is explained and placed with The Abomination of Desolation by Jesus in Luke 21 when compared to Matthew 24 and Mark 13. Also, there is the "Dead Jews Rapture" which is described in Ezekiel 37 and placed near The Abomination of Desolation by Gabriel the Archangel in Daniel 12. The Rapture of the 144,000 Jews, The War in Heaven, and The Rapture of the Dead Jews are the most questionable placements on the chart at this time. Also questionably placed is The Great Mourning of the Jews in the Revelation of Jesus Christ which I suspect happens simultaneously with the 3 ½ days of worldwide rejoicing when the World celebrates The Slaughter of the Two Witnesses.

[A summary and some additional provable and speculative perspectives about the woman, her child, the dragon who would devour them, and the beasts who would too](#)

[Rev 9:14-19](#)
[Rev 11-13](#)

[Mat 24:15-21](#)
[Mark 13:14-19](#)

[Luke 21:20-23](#)
[2 Tim 3:16](#)

[John 4:22](#)
[Rev 14:12-13](#)

I see this midterm transition week as an amazing rollercoaster ride of worldwide spectacles. It begins amidst the conclusion of the most bizarre and deadly event of all time, The Massacre of The 6th Trumpet Judgment, which is The 2nd Woe, where 200 million 'lion-headed and fire-breathing' **horsemen** kill 1/3 the population of the planet ([Rev 9:14-19](#)). While this is wrapping up, and while The Ministry of the Two Witnesses is wrapping up too, this about weeklong clock starts when the Antichrist dies, probably trying to kill the Two Witnesses as he and most everyone else in the World will certainly want to do at this time. And remember that **any man** who tries to kill the Two Witnesses **must in this manner be killed** [Rev 11:5](#). But I expect that 'on the third day' thereafter the Antichrist will be 'resurrected', and likely just after Satan is **cast out** of Heaven ([Rev 12:9](#)), and when he has **great wrath** [Rev 12:12](#) because he's been defeated in Heaven and confined to **earth** [Rev 12:13](#), and because he wants vengeance having just found himself one way or another displaced out of reach from his hell-bent obsession to kill the 144,000 when they are transported to a defensible position in Heaven ([Rev 12:5](#)).

And this is when Satan must recognize that his 'next-best' option will be to kill the Two Witnesses, and that the best means to accomplish that, and win even more praise and adoration from the **whole world**, will be to revive and empower the conveniently dead body of the Antichrist and let him do it. And we are apparently told by John in Chapter 11 that this is exactly what happens, that **the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall...kill them** [Rev 11:7](#), presumably the same **beast** that **the dragon gave...his power, and his seat, and great authority** [Rev 13:2](#). And that way Satan not only finally gets what he sees as revenge, 3 ½ days of celebration later he also gets the worldwide support and authority to do whatever he wants to a degree he never had before, and without which he would not be able to go after **the remnant...which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ** so effectively ([Rev 12:17](#)). We will evaluate just how effectively in the next subsection. In the meantime we can anticipate that through all these events the Jews somehow get a clue, and then they are able to **mourn** their **revelation** while the World celebrates, and this appears to be the only time they'll get a chance to do so.

But for now, where Satan stands **before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born** [Rev 12:4](#) will have to remain uncertain. We'll have to accept that we're still missing something or that God is hiding something. Satan may wait on Earth to attack them after their salvation experience, after their realization that Jesus is The Messiah. But since they're already identified by marks on their foreheads, and since Satan should **know** this, I find a delayed attack on Earth less likely, except that he would want to hold off killing them until after their **revelation** to avoid dumping them into Abraham's Bosom to be very shortly thereafter returned to Israel. And he would surely want to immediately quell any acknowledgement of Jesus as The Messiah. And we **know** he'll be planning to bamboozle the whole World into worshiping him. And he'll try to kill anyone who won't.

Or maybe it's more likely that he'll be waiting for their rapture and arrival in Heaven before he starts a **war in heaven** to destroy them, though it seems contradictory that, being in Heaven, he could be standing **before the woman**

when **she** must actually be on Earth when **she** 'delivers', except that **she** is also shown as a **wonder in heaven** when **she** must really be on the Earth, implying that these allegorical descriptions of **the woman, her child** and **the dragon** must be interpreted within both spiritual and physical realities. Why not?

But I can only conclude for sure that near the time that the 144,000 are delivered to their place of honor in Heaven, Satan, who naturally hates and envies them, will prepare to destroy them. No specific account of Satan's failure to do so is given or necessary because the afterward described Rapture of the 144,000 and the repeatedly described War in Heaven make this fact obvious. And this failure of Satan and triumph of God is obvious even if some details are purposely hidden or omitted for the understandable purpose of misdirection. It's also obvious that all this will make Satan very, very angry. And we **know** when John sees that...

...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 days... [Rev 12:6](#)

...we can **understand** that this period should pretty much span the whole 3 ½ years of The Days of Vengeance. It's the period starting when the Jews in **Judea**, the ones who have recognized that Jesus is The Messiah, **flee into the wilderness** on cue from The Abomination of Desolation and find safety and provision in **a place prepared of God** for most of the remainder of The Great Tribulation. And since the time the Jews spend in this sanctuary frames most all of the second half of The Great Tribulation, and since, according to Jesus, the Jews don't **flee** until they **see the abomination of desolation** defile their Temple in Jerusalem ([Mat 24:15-16](#); [Mark 13:14-19](#)), this is further incontrovertible **proof** that not only must this **woman** and **her child** be Jews, but also that this period must begin very closely synchronized with the **forty and two months** John sees that **power was given** to the Antichrist ([Rev 13:5](#)).

Again for more clarity, the starting point of the Antichrist's 42 months of power must be very near to the time when **there was given unto him a mouth speaking... blasphemies against God... and his tabernacle** [Rev 13:5-6](#), or very near to the time of The Abomination of Desolation. And I say, "very near to the time," because the actual start of these 42 months may be a few days earlier at The Resurrection and Empowering of the Antichrist, while The Abomination of Desolation is immovably synchronized with the starting point of the 1260 days of The Sanctuary of the Jews because Jesus says of these two events respectively, when you **see** you **flee**.

This is further evidence too that The Rapture of the 144,000 and The War in Heaven are before The Abomination of Desolation so that Satan can be on Earth to conduct his business with the Antichrist that leads to The Abomination of Desolation, and so that the Jews can recognize Jesus through it all and escape. And remember we're deducing that that the **firstfruits** 144,000, by definition, must be first to get **the revelation of Jesus**. And their **revelation** that Jesus is the Messiah, and their rapture, should be among the biggest clues to the rest of the Jews that they all need to get out of there too.

However, this **'see and flee'** perspective comes by adding only Matthew

and Mark's account of The Flight of the Jews. Luke tells us something they leave out, that...

...when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed [or “surrounded”] with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains [Luke 21:20-21](#).

This changes everything because it's a different sign that could take place days or even weeks before The Abomination of Desolation. And it should take place at least days before, not just because armies need time to move and fully assemble, but because the Antichrist's **armies** may originally be there and be defeated in their first attempted attack on the Two Witnesses that results in the death of the Antichrist. An event of this kind implies that Jerusalem will have been already “surrounded” **with armies** some time before the Antichrist rises from the dead and kills the Two Witnesses, which is still at least 3 ½ days before The Abomination of Desolation. And such a deployment would have to be sufficiently ‘completed’ at least a full week before The Abomination of Desolation. Of course, this would give a chance for slower moving but wiser Jews to be able to use this time for a head start out of town. And this means that from the time the 144,000 recognize Jesus on, possibly even before the time of the death of the Antichrist on, we could expect Jews will be getting the clue from the Antichrist's surrounding armies that they need to skedaddle. And indeed if all Jews wait until they **see the abomination of desolation** they won't have time to do anything else but drop what they are doing and run, not to mention how many more would be caught in the inevitable traffic jam. But we can now expect that this should not be as big a problem because some should get the hint earlier and leave earlier.

So in the accounts of Matthew and Mark, we are only hearing Jesus' **instruction** that expresses the urgency to the Jews of their ‘last chance’ to get out, when He says,

Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house. Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes [etc.]... [Mat 24:17-20](#)

But the ‘surrounding’ of Jerusalem with **armies** must start days or even weeks before this moment in time. And this ‘encompassing’ must be sufficiently complete 3 ½ days before The Abomination of Desolation because this is when **the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against [the Two Witnesses], and shall overcome them, and kill them** in Jerusalem ([Rev 11:7](#)). And if these same **armies** are already there during their first failed attempt to kill the Two Witnesses when the Antichrist somehow receives his **deadly wound**—as they very likely are—then we're talking at least the whole week or more.

So with Jerusalem “surrounded” probably a week or more before Satan walks (or floats) into The Temple, and with both the 144,000 and the Two Witnesses raptured just before he does, some Jews should get Luke's clue a little earlier than Matthew and Mark's and beat the last minute rush. Yes, some of the fleeing Jews may, according to Jesus and Luke, begin their flight hours or days or possibly even a week or more before anyone will be able to **see the**

abomination of desolation [Mat 24:15](#). And this may be necessary to evacuate a relatively large number of people to a protected location anyway. Luke also points out that those who are not 'in the region' at this time should not try to get back to Jerusalem, saying,

...let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto [Luke 21:21](#).

We'll talk more about the Jews in this situation in the next subsection.

And by-the-way, please don't think I'm getting down on Matthew and Mark for missing something. To do that I'd have to get down on God Himself. I haven't forgotten that,

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works [2 Tim 3:16](#).

And neither should you forget that **scripture** must be handled God's way, **precept upon precept** from both **here** and **there** all over The Bible if we are to be His **disciples indeed** and **approved unto God...** [and] **workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth**. And I mean you should see that this is another example of how God has constructed His Word to make this process necessary. And I mean that there should be no surprise that Luke records some details Matthew and Mark miss, and vice versa. It's certainly no mistake. This is God's doing and for the purpose of separating His **disciples** and His **approved** from those to whom He will say, **depart from me** and then **cast into outer darkness**, the blood of Jesus always withstanding.

Also it's worth remembering again here that as we have found leeway in time periods numbered in days or over a day—like in the '3 days' The Lord was in the tomb. So we might also expect leeway in periods numbered in months exceeding even a month. But the periods measured in years or **a time, times and half a time** when also elsewhere described by periods of days or months can only vary by days or months, but only if so defined in other places. Otherwise periods of years may also vary by over a year. Then there are the 1000-year **days** that God describes from His perspective, some of which really only cover part of a 1000 years. But the case here is clear because **the woman** is said to be **there a thousand two hundred and threescore days** [Rev 12:6](#) and is further said to **fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent** [Rev 12:14](#). So this is 1260 regular days, give or take a day or so. And by-the-way, this is the only reason we have so far for God to number some periods in days and others in months—months and years give more latitude as appropriate. Of course God's 1000-year **days** give even more. And I mean the only reason besides just to keep us on our toes. But we will see another reason next section.

One of the remaining loose-ends in Chapter 12 is the woman's **remnant of her seed**. This is a different child altogether. This **remnant** probably

represents both Jew and Gentile **believers** as their identity is fairly well spelled out. They are that...

...remnant...which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ [Rev 12:17](#).

Now you might think that anyone at this point still trying to **keep the commandments of God** must be only Jews. And this is possibly what is intended here. And it might be safer to assume that the focus is on the Jews. We will see, for example, that 'temple sacrifices' will resume in The Millennial Temple in the presence of Jesus and continue throughout The Millennium in [SECTION 11](#), so ready or not, the time is coming when we'll have to get to **know** the Biblical lifestyle of the Jews much better. But we must also remember that whatever Jesus may require of the Jews in The Millennium, these **believers** also **have the testimony of Jesus Christ** and must therefore **know** that Jesus has made the Old Testament Law of God unnecessary for salvation by His blood sacrifice. And besides, don't Christians in The Age of Grace, generally speaking, **keep the commandments of God** too? Still I can't be dogmatic about this because the 70th week is for the Jews and I don't **know** if baby Gentile Christians qualify for this particular **remnant** since they all had their chance a few years earlier in The Age of Grace anyway. Except surely some baby Gentile Christians will survive to The Millennium or at least die with their **faith** intact and be redeemed at some point. So the question here is whether they rate 'direct mention' alongside the newly scattering Christian Jews in Israel in this otherwise plainly Jewish-focused chapter.

But again, and on the other hand, both Jews and Gentiles have multiple opportunities to find redemption in The Great Tribulation and there are certainly some mixed raptures that remain, so it would be appropriate at this point to be referring to a mixed group. And isn't everyone who has **the testimony of Jesus Christ** necessarily **of her seed**? After all, John and others declare that all **salvation is of the Jews** anyway (e.g. [John 4:22](#)). But what I really want to know is if I have I turned you around in enough circles on this subject yet. Personally, I would not feel offended if this whole chapter is only about the Jews. I'll already be in Heaven at this point anyway. And I **know** believing Gentiles in The Great Tribulation will get opportunities to be redeemed even if they are no longer the focus of attention. I should warn you though that there are other arguments on both sides that will eventually come in to play. But I'll stop for now at the risk that some of you are getting dizzy, or that you are having difficulty seeing passed your own Christianity.

So whichever the case, surely this plainly indicated Jewish and possibly also Gentile **remnant** represents those who do not **flee** to that special **place prepared of God**, though they have not missed recognizing The Messiah. We **know** that a few of the possible reasons for this—in the case of Jews—is because, as Jesus indicates, they may be women who are pregnant, or travelers overcome by the hardships of winter weather, or people that go back toward Jerusalem or even just back into their own houses to get something or someone before they try to get away ([Mat 24:15-21](#); [Mark 13:14-19](#); [Luke 21:20-23](#)). But there must be a multitude of other reasons. We also **know** that any Christian who is not part of these select escapees are in a tough spot

because they will no longer have a trustworthy place to hide anywhere, though some of them must survive the entire Great Tribulation somehow.

So it's not just the Jews. Anyone who has 'missed their flight' up to this time is in a shameful and desperate situation. This includes any Gentile who fails to acknowledge Jesus as their Savior in time to make The Rapture of the Church just before The Great Tribulation starts. And it continues with those that don't get **out of great tribulation** a year or two later at The Rapture of the Tribulation Gentiles by the same hardheartedness, though this one probably requires dying during The Seal Judgments. And as for Jews—and all the 'real ones' must make it to Israel as we will see—it continues with those that don't **flee** at either one of the two cues to escape to the safe haven provided by God. These Jews will miss their best chance to escape alive from their time of **great tribulation** too. But all survivors will get other chances later in The Days of Vengeance and in The Millennium. We'll also see that 'real Jews' can expect to be kept physically safe by God throughout The Beginning of Sorrows just by being in Israel—as long as they don't recognize Jesus too early. We'll see this better in [SECTION 9](#).

However, the whole seven years must be **great tribulation** for surviving Gentiles. The same thing would apply to any Jew not in Israel, while only really the second half, The Days of Vengeance, will be **great tribulation** for Jews who are in Israel but don't flee to God's sanctuary in the mountains on cue. So you could say that any believer, Jew or Gentile, who miss their first and best opportunities to escape The Great Tribulation, could be considered part of this **remnant**. And whoever God is focusing on here, it's certain that all surviving **believers** who do not make it safely to God's Sanctuary in the Wilderness will be stuck trying to avoid Satan and the Antichrist at their worst, not to mention enduring God at His most severe.

And while the focus seems to be on real Jews that are protected by God in Israel in Revelation 12, in Chapter 13 John has some bad news that must instead apply to everyone but protected Jews. And He speaks of their defenselessness, warning,

He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints [Rev 13:10](#).

And this nearly identical sentence is repeated by John in the next chapter where he instead offers them some good news. He tells enduring **believers** that they are blessed, and consoles them saying,

Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus...Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth... [Rev 14:12-13](#).

So though **believers** in The Days of Vengeance are evidently 'defenseless'—because God promises them that any defense attempted will fail, and that they will often end up **dead** anyway—they are also apparently **Blessed**, 'commandment-keeping', **believers in Jesus** who will nonetheless at some point be redeemed. And these proclamations seem to apply worldwide. But we will need all the remaining sections for explanation before we are done with

this issue.

Still there's one more review we should do. Most cannot choose to be part of Jesus' special 144,000 member entourage, nor are likely to be one of God's **two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth**. But any Gentile alive today should **understand** that either the 'tribulation-free' station of **the wife** of Jesus, or the 'minimally traumatic' path to the station of those who **serve** God **day and night in his temple** in Heaven are both immeasurably preferable to holding out and trying to make it through Satan's...

...war with the saints... [where the Antichrist will generally]...**overcome them: and** [at a time when] **power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations** [Rev 13:7](#).

Still,

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 [Rev 14:13](#).

This '**henceforth**' will be covered in the remaining sections too. But it begins with what must be yet another group of 'real Jews' who escape by slaughter and rapture from Satan's newly established, what I will coin, 'demonarchy'.

The Rapture of the Tribulation Jews

CHART of 7 Distinguishing Features of The Rapture of the Tribulation Jews							
X = CERTAIN ? = UNCERTAIN BLANK = CERTAINLY NOT							
Raptures	From Grave	From Earth	Jews	Gen- tiles	To Earth	To Heaven	Saved
Tribulation Jews	X		X			X	X

CHART Of Rapture Positions in the Main Sets of Events of the Great Tribulation				
Sets of Events	Beginning of Sorrows	Abomination of Desolation	The Days of Vengeance	Armageddon
Position				
Beginning			Tribulation Jews	

The beginning of Satan's 42-month 'demonarchy' on Earth is a story of both frustration and triumph for Satan. And one of the results of this tumultuous start is The Rapture of the Tribulation Jews. We have already grappled with some of his midterm frustrations, including the escape by rapture of the 144,000 involving the **war in heaven** that ends in his expulsion from Heaven to Earth, and the escape of surviving Jews **into the wilderness**. We have also seen some of his midterm triumphs including the 'resurrection' of the Antichrist, the worldwide celebration following the slaughter of the Two Witnesses, and the worldwide supreme authority and worship that both he and the Antichrist win at

The Abomination of Desolation. But I see that Satan has more triumphs, with only hidden frustrations, immediately following these midterm events to achieve, the foremost of these being that He will rally an unhindered killing spree of Jews and Christians that will make the Holocaust of World War II seem like a park picnic.

The raptured Tribulation Jews literally stand on **the sea of glass** in The Temple in Heaven having received **victory over the beast** by not worshiping **the beast** or **his image** and by not taking **his mark**, and sing the victors' **song of Moses** that proclaims God's **vengeance** on the enemies of the Jews

Dan 7:19-22;11:31-Rev 15:1-7

2 Peter 1

Ex 14:22-26

35

Rom 7:24

Rev 4:1-8

Deut 31-32

Rev 12:17; 13:7

Psalms 19:12

Ex 15:1-18

The greatest apparent victory for Satan, which is really a hidden victory for God, follows just after the weeklong rollercoaster of spectacles that end with The Abomination of Desolation. I estimate this apparent victory of Satan's at the beginning of The Days of Vengeance will be the third most terrifying and horrible slaughter on Earth of all time. But unfortunately, this will only be from the perspective of **believers**. And I expect the most terrifying and horrible slaughter will be Armageddon, though only from the perspective of **unbelievers**, which we will get to later. The second worst slaughter, evidently horrifying to everyone, I expect will be the massacre of 1/3 of the Earth's population by the creatures of The 6th Trumpet Judgment. And I rate this Satan-led slaughter following The Abomination of Desolation third on the horror/torture scale even though not nearly so many will die in it as in the other more slowly churned-out slaughters caused by God's judgments. Of course the five months span of The 5th Trumpet Judgment is arguably the worst period of torture, but it's not a period of slaughter. And the number of deaths in The 4th Seal Judgment make it a close fourth, but I'm guessing the creatures of the 6th Trumpet will be the most terrifying, outside of the experience of Armageddon. These are some of the reasons why I think the third worst slaughter on the horror/torture scale will be the initial explosive outbreak of Satan's, the Antichrist's, and the False Prophet's, **war with the saints** ([Dan 7:19-22](#); [11:31-35](#); [Rev 12:17](#); [13:7](#)).

But those of us in Heaven will see one of the results of this horrible spectacle as God's victory when it's celebrated around The Throne of God in Heaven. In Chapter 15, John records,

...I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God [Rev 15:2](#).

It's indeed a **victory** celebration in Heaven that must be at the cost of Satan's victorious slaughter on Earth just after The Abomination of Desolation.

And now it's time to dispense with a misconception from back in Revelation 4 that this passage clears up. It's that since these 'victors' **stand on the sea of glass**, then this **sea of glass** cannot be an allegorical representation of a group of people as some suppose. In Chapter 4, some have understandably enough speculated that this same **sea of glass** serves to hide the Church. But it's clearly just a floor that these redeemed immortals are standing on here in Chapter 15, so this must be the case in Chapter 4 too.

However The Bible, especially in Revelation, is nonetheless full of fantastic both literal and figurative descriptions that we must remain ever **vigilant** to distinguish between, and trust that if we are **diligent** we can—that The Holy Spirit will be faithful to **guide us into all truth**. This time we have a metaphorical description of a literally very big floor space—a **sea of glass**.

But in the next section we will confirm another case of an allegorical description where a 'body of water' does indeed represent a group of people—which is likely where the idea for the misconception in Chapter 4 comes from.

The point that is worth a pause here is that this is another way God makes us work for it. I think God mixes it up in this way to keep us honest and on our toes, and to expose the slackers. Ok, I admit it. I was taught and used to believe that the Church was **the sea of glass** too. But it doesn't make all of us who fall for it necessarily slackers. Only failing to **continue** to test and retest your **understanding** of The Word of God makes you a slacker. And only **if you do these things** do you have supernatural **promises** that you are really safe. And yes, those that don't **continue** to pursue the source of **life and godliness** I would call slackers. You certainly can't expect this type to be a lot of help nor avoid being somewhat harmful too. And God can't call them **approved** because their **understanding** at best is full of undetected **errors** that they aren't doing anything about—or not doing anything about it God's way—The Holy Spirit always withstanding. And fortunately, and despite this kind of **shame**, the blood of Christ is nonetheless sufficient for all. I **know** I need it to keep me—**O wretched man that I am!**—so that I can **continue** until God will finally **...deliver me from the body of this death...** ([Rom 7:24](#)). But again, (and I'm sure the Apostle Peter would be cheering my repetition here), what I consider the most important **revelation** of this **study**, is that it's not as much **the knowledge of God** that keeps you safe, it's the continuing commitment to pursue God through His Word that keeps you safe. And **errors** (see [Psalms 19:12](#))? Everyone is making them. And everyone will **forever** continue to do so. Only God never makes mistakes. So we can only make a commitment to **continue** to find them. It's our eternal duty, though some will not wake up to this duty until they have experienced some more **shame**. But also I mean that someone that has 'a lot' of **the knowledge of God** but who no longer pursues Him, is not as safe as a baby Christian who has a sincere desire to seek God. After all, no matter how much we **grow** and **learn**, we are still not omniscient, and remain **forever** capable of **error**. And **error** can destroy. But God **promises** we will **never fall** if we reach a certain level, right? NO!—He promises we will **never fall** if we **continue** in our commitment to **know** Him and His Word better and better **forever**—and the **fruits** of all this will become unavoidably evident. So it's when we **continue** and **grow** or **abound**—not when reach any given level of **the knowledge of God**—that keeps us safe. Of course **continuing** naturally results in more **knowledge** about God, **forever**. But we will never reach Him and have all the **knowledge** we need to keep ourselves safe. And this is why we must **continually** pursue Him. And this is just one of the **revelations** from the Apostle Peter in [2 Peter 1](#). And I'm sure he was speaking for God.

Also in Chapter 15 we should notice that none of the other previously raptured groups are mentioned to be still around The Throne of God. They may or may not still be nearby, but they are not mentioned. Even the 24 Elders are not mentioned here. But they all must still be around somewhere because John implies a little later in Revelation that they are all there participating in a 'big temple wedding'. So they may be busy 'making themselves ready' for that ceremony and the following reception too. Of

course, since we **know** that the Elders have **seats** that are **round about the throne** [Rev 4:4](#), I expect that they are actually still there, just unmentioned. And since the **altar** is likely still there the Martyrs are probably still be there too. And by-the-way, at least **one of the four beasts** [Rev 15:7](#) is shown to be involved in Chapter 15. And we **know** that they should be otherwise on task worshipping The **Lord God Almighty** before The Throne of God continually **day and night** [Rev 4:8](#).

But who are these new 'victors'? Again, as other groups, they are identified by their voiced praise of God. In this case...

...they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb [Rev 15:3](#).

This would definitely make them Jews but **believers** in the Jesus too.

Now I used to think **the song of Moses** is the one that starts with that famous verse,

I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea...

It's recorded in [Exodus 15:1-18](#) and is sung when **the children of Israel** escape **Pharaoh's chariots** by crossing...

...the sea upon the dry ground... [when] the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left... [after which] the waters...come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen [Ex 14:22-26](#).

This is indeed an occasion of a song Moses sang, and it was a 'glorious' one, but it's not likely **the song of Moses** from The Throne scene in Revelation 15. The song for this occasion more likely comes from [Deuteronomy 32](#), which is a song given to Moses by God for a future occasion. It's a song Moses wrote the **selfsame day** the LORD told him,

Get thee up...unto mount Nebo... And die [Deut 32:48-50](#).

But before he died, **the LORD** instructed Moses to...

...write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel...[and again] that this song shall testify against them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed... Moses therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel [Deut 31:19-22](#).

This song is a doubly proclaimed **witness...against the children of Israel, a foolish people**, who are nonetheless **the LORD'S portion** and **the apple of his eye**, and **As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, [and] beareth them**

on her wings... So the LORD alone did lead Israel.

But the song also makes clear that Israel **provoked him to jealousy**, and **sacrificed to devils**, and became **a nation void of counsel**, [where] **neither is there any understanding in them**. So, in **anger, ...the LORD shall judge his people...**, but then **repent**, to the end that He proclaims to the whole World,

Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people [Deuteronomy 32](#).

The wrapping up of all these things is what the 70th week of Daniel is all about. And **the LORD'S portion**, the Jews, is the focus. And another 'helping' of Jews will eventually find themselves **before the throne...on the sea of glass** as previewed in [Revelation 15](#).

So these Jews that are seen here on center stage getting **the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark...** [Rev 15:2](#) undoubtedly get this **victory** as a result of Satan's apparent triumph, and hidden frustration, just like with the death and resurrection of Jesus. And I mean that to get **victory over the beast** at this stage of the game, these Jews have to die. Apparently in most cases they'll have to give up their heads too. But I'm sure this will be a bloodbath of both Jewish and Gentile **believers** worldwide.

But this 'absolute enforcement' of the worship of the Antichrist and of **his image**, and the 'absolute enforcement' of the taking of **his mark** will not be possible until after the Antichrist leaves The Temple in Jerusalem having declared himself to be God, because it is this act that finally gives him the **authority** and **power** to more or less universally enforce this threefold satanic law. And those who think the worldwide absolute enforcement of **the mark of the beast** stretches across the whole seven years have an over-generalized view of these years at best as we will **continue** to see.

So this bloodbath that immediately follows The Abomination of Desolation must be a blitzkrieg of casualties and executions of Jews and Christians of an incredible scope and magnitude. All over the world **believers** will be able to be speedily killed because they will be able to be quickly identified as refusing to worship the Antichrist and/or **his image** and/or take **his mark** at a time when the Antichrist finally has absolute authority to avenge his previous frustrations. And the Jews in Israel who are among these slain should shortly thereafter find themselves before The Throne of God. And other believers who die by these means at this time will be redeemed later as we will see. And the end of this story—really whether for Jew or Gentile—is in the song of these Jews who are the first to have **gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name**. This **song of Moses** tells us that God will **avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries** evidently throughout but especially at the end of these Days of Vengeance.

With Jerusalem surrounded by **armies** at The Abomination of Desolation just after the Two Witnesses and the 144,000 are taken out of the way, and just after the Antichrist and the False Prophet are newly empowered by Satan, along with a pre-prepared, necessarily improved Nazi-style system of genocide, there will be so many deaths of Jews and Christians so quickly that all the Jewish corpses will not be able to be disposed of before some of them are raptured to The Throne of God just before the 'pouring out' of The 1st Plague Judgment in The Days of Vengeance

Luke 21:20
Rev 13:15-16
Mat 24:21

Dan 12:1
Rev 13:7
Rev 12:17

Rev 15
Rev 11:14
Dan 9:26

This perspective, that the 'absolute enforcement' of the three forms of Satan and Antichrist worship begins at The Abomination of Desolation and facilitates the immediate mass slaughter of Jews and Christians not only in Israel but worldwide should still be considered speculation at this point only because it is in some aspects relatively new to me and should be tested further. But it appears to be a legitimate **revelation**. So let the testing begin. The most obvious reason that I come to these conclusions about The Rapture of the Tribulation Jews is that at the time of The Abomination of Desolation **...ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies** [Luke 21:20](#). Nothing enforces like **armies**. This is the best indication we have that this is the time when the Antichrist is finally positioned to be able to carry out mass executions of 'dissenters', especially in Israel, but not just in Israel, likely throughout his kingdom too, and probably by cooperation with most other regions of the World as well.

To accomplish this, the Antichrist will also have to have the help of the False Prophet. This must be a man heading a global religious institution capable of being able to...

...cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. 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 [Rev 13:15-16](#).

This is indeed 'far-flung' influence that is also not likely to be fully positioned until The Abomination of Desolation either. So we should also not expect Satan or the Antichrist to be universally worshipped until The Abomination of Desolation. Loved, praised, adored, yes, but not worshipped worldwide until he is also resurrected and empowered. And remember that the False Prophet isn't 'empowered by Satan' until then either. And we will also determine conclusively that Jerusalem is significantly 'far-flung' from the original Antichrist Kingdom, and we will deduce and **prove** who this global religious leader must be in the next sections.

Another reason it's likely that worship of the Antichrist, **his image** and **his mark** are not mandatory or even widespread until after The Abomination of

Desolation is the presence of the Two Witnesses. Until they are killed by **the beast**, everyone is impotent before them. Until then, their very presence will bring into question anyone who would attempt to unilaterally control the whole World in any way. Still another reason is the 144,000 Jews. They will obviously also be impervious to attack or control all the way up to the time they are taken away to Heaven very near the time of The Abomination of Desolation. And the Antichrist, even with the acclaim he will receive by 'rising from the dead', will likely also need to broker the credit for killing the Two Witnesses and 'disposing of' the 144,000 in order to gain the authority necessary to institute his worship and mark. Only then will he finally be positioned not only to control his worshippers, but also to exterminate God's.

And this is a good time to remember Jesus' general summation of the matter that,

...then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be [Mat 24:21](#).

And Daniel's, especially concerning the Jews, that,

...there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time [Dan 12:1](#).

Since there can only be one **time** for the Jews—and the rest of the World—that is worst of all, which begins just after The Abomination of Desolation, and which must also be closely associated with this rapture where these who have **gotten the victory over the beast** appear in Heaven, the question arises as to just how fast the Antichrist's **war with the saints** [Rev 13:7](#) can kill Jews? Or putting it another way, how many could be initially very quickly exterminated in Satan's **war with the remnant...which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ** [Rev 12:17](#), if he is sufficiently pre-prepared? I propose that all those who **stand on the sea of glass...** [who] **sing the song of Moses** around The Throne of God ([Rev 15:2-3](#)) are evidence of how fast. And I expect that there are even more Gentile martyrs for this cause that get scheduled at this time for a later rapture.

One way to see how bad it should get, or to gauge the minimum number of who must die at this time, is to look at the worst past atrocities against the Jews and Christians and use those events as benchmarks that, by definition, can't compare. We **know** that in the few short years of WWII, of the 20 to 30 million people killed, around 6 million of them were Jews systematically exterminated by the Nazi war machine. In a true story about this 'system' by Elie Wiesel in his book, **Night**, this Nobel Peace Prize winner's personal account describes how Jews are methodically corralled into "ghettoes" within cities and towns throughout Europe, and then transported to "death camps" in remote locations also throughout Europe to be executed or worked to death or near death then executed. But in The Days of Vengeance, the World won't see a system operating just in Europe, it will see a worldwide systematic extermination of Jews and Christians operating under the authority of the Antichrist and the False Prophet, and necessarily involving

many more millions but over a much shorter time. With the Antichrist's armies fully deployed, and his authority newly self-proclaimed to be absolute to the jubilant rejoicing of all the World, surely the Antichrist will put Hitler's efforts to shame, possibly executing significantly more people in a few days than Hitler did in a few years. But I believe many of them that are 'real Jews' with a new faith in Christ will find themselves shortly thereafter redeemed and in Heaven, yes, singing ***the song of Moses***.

We should also recognize that the Antichrist actually has 3 ½ years to prepare this 'greatest of all holocausts'—not that it's not already being prepared to some extent now. So it should be no surprise that by the time of The Abomination of Desolation the Antichrist already has those identified as 'Jews' and even some denominations of 'Christians' already segregated, if not incarcerated, within his empire before he walks into The Temple in Jerusalem. And it's likely that other pre-prepared Jewish and/or Gentile ghettos or death camps will spring up and fill up worldwide and very quickly during the events that precede The Abomination of Desolation. And the collection procedures and camps in the Antichrist Kingdom should be models for countries that have not been as quick to jump on this bandwagon. And I expect the kind of worldwide approval for the slaughter of Jews and Christians to be the same as the outpouring of joy and support after the slaughter of The Two Witnesses. Though certainly Jews in Israel and the Antichrist Kingdom will be the first to die and in the greatest numbers.

Again, we will confirm in [SECTION 9](#) that God makes clear that only the Jews that are in Israel can make this midterm rapture, and that it follows the time when...

...the people of the prince that shall come [the Antichrist] ***shall destroy the city and the sanctuary*** [Dan 9:26](#).

And this would only be those who are not able to escape ***Judea*** in time. But certainly many more who call themselves Jews and Christians from around the World will follow these Jews to their death at this time, especially in places such as China and Russia who have a history of persecuting Jews and Christians, but this slaughter should really be going on just about everywhere. Again, we're talking the ***war with the saints*** here.

Of course The Midterm Great Earthquake should allow believing survivors all over the World a chance to both get away and to try to hide. Still, Jerusalem is surrounded. So I expect that there will be a '***multitude***' of Jews killed in the initial massacre and all within a few days and weeks after The Abomination of Desolation. I mean there appears to be only a small window of unhindered time available for this slaughter as we will see.

But though I see this initial bloodbath as the worst of the slaughter, it's clear that the ***war with the saints*** will be carried on throughout The Days of Vengeance, probably mostly because of all those that get the chance to get away in The Midterm Great Earthquake. Newly-converted Jews that escape both the early bloodbath and also all forms of Satan worship but are killed later in Days of Vengeance, along with other Gentile Christians killed since The Rapture of the Tribulation Gentiles, will be raptured near the end of The Great Tribulation as we will see. And other converted Jews and Christians must survive, likely by hiding somehow, all the way through The Great

Tribulation, making it to The Millennium. They must be relatively few, but they are specifically mentioned by Jesus, which we'll get to later too.

And apparently God accommodates this early Days-of-Vengeance slaughter in a way. I say this because the judgments from Heaven that might otherwise interfere with this initial slaughter appear to be on hold until it's all over. This is evidenced by the first clear sequential indicator since **The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly** [Rev 11:14](#). It occurs just after The Throne scene and ceremony with the Tribulation Jews when John records that...

...after that I looked, and...the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues [Rev 15:5-6](#).

So during a short period that I expect is less than a month, between when the 7th Trumpet is '**past**' and when The 1st Plague is **poured out**, Satan, the Antichrist and the False Prophet are finally fully prepared, unhindered and apparently initially very successful in their campaign of genocide against all **believers** in Jesus.

And again, this shows the repeating pattern in The Great Tribulation where a redemptive rapture precedes ceremonies and dedications in Heaven and is followed by the release of judgments from Heaven, including repeated cycles of slaughter that produce souls ready to be raptured. And these numbered, sequential Plague Judgments that follow this ceremony, where this time we see the opening of **the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven** [Rev 15:5](#), apparently signifies God's and Jesus' worthiness and power to **continue** to judge the Earth even more severely than in the first half.

And there is one more likely striking phenomenon that should result from such a blitzkrieg-bloodbath at this time. It's the disappearance of a lot of dead bodies before they can be buried or otherwise disposed of. I envision that so many people will be killed so quickly, especially in Jerusalem, that they will not have the time to dispose of their **bodies** before they disappear as they are **changed** and **caught up** to Heaven. But Satan and the Antichrist will probably take the credit for this phenomenon too, spinning it to promote their further worship and authority. But this should be a phenomenon common to all the raptures. I mean hopefully when The Rapture of the Church happens there will be, for example, some 'open casket' funerals going on where the 'dearly departed', along with some of the 'mourners', will disappear too.

The month-long Sweet and Sour 16 Midterm Events of The Great Tribulation on Earth

- 1) The conclusion of The Massacre of The 6th Trumpet / 2nd Woe
- 2) The Death and Mourning of the Antichrist and The Peak of Anti-Semitism

- 3) The Rapture of the 144,000 Jews
- 4) The Resurrection of The Antichrist
- 5) The Slaughter of the Two Witnesses
- 6) The Celebration of the Kingdom of Satan and the Antichrist

- 7) The Great Mourning of the Jews in the Revelation of Jesus Christ
- 8) The Resurrection and Rapture of the Two Witnesses
- 9) The Midterm Great Earthquake
- 10) The Rapture of the Dead Jews to Israel
- 11) The Abomination of Desolation
- 12) The Flight of the Jews.
- 13) The Absolute Enforcement of the Worship of Satan and the Antichrist (begins)
- 14) The War with the Saints (begins)
- 15) The Rapture of the Tribulation Jews
- 16) The 1st Plague Judgment of The Days of Vengeance (is poured out)

I'm afraid it's already time for another recap in the form of a new list. [The Baker's Dozen Midterm Events](#) listed crucial midterm events that take place both in Heaven and on Earth. They are the so-called middle 13 events in the transition from The Beginning of Sorrow to The Days of Vengeance which are described or implied from Chapters 9-18. These are also the basis for my cooking up of [The Sweet and Sour 16 Midterm Events](#) except this new list only includes earthbound views of midtribulation action. And [The Baker's Dozen](#) occurs in what I see to be about the last week or so before The Abomination of Desolation, but [The Sweet and Sour 16 Midterm Events](#) continue probably about a month beyond The Abomination of Desolation into The Days of Vengeance concluding with The Rapture of the Tribulation Jews and the start of The Seven Plague Judgments. Chapter 16 describes The Plague Judgments one at a time, showing that John is back on a sequential clock just like with The Seal and Trumpet Judgments in Chapters 6-9. But this also reinforces the fact that the midterm events, all the ones found in my repetitive lists, are all either past or begun. Two events that can only be seen in Heaven that take place during this period are The War in Heaven and The Celebration of The Eternal Kingdom of God and of Christ. Can you see where they should fit in this new list?

Connections to The Rapture of the Tribulation Jews seen in the mindset of the **saints**, and in the messages of the Herald Angels

Rev 13:7-10
Rev 14:6-13

2 Cor 4:4
Rom 2:5

1 Tim 4:2
Rev 20:4
2 Thes 2:10

Though The Rapture of the Tribulation Jews isn't described until Chapter 15, there are implied connections to it in Chapters 12-14. We have already considered the **war with the saints** mentioned in both Chapters 12 and 13. One of the results of the initial blows out of this one-sided war must be The Rapture of the Tribulation Jews. Another connection can be seen in the mindset that is necessary in order to get **victory over the beast** and in order to make this rapture. In Chapter 13 we **learn** of the Satan-empowered Antichrist in an overview of his reign on Earth during The Days of Vengeance. We **learn** that he's been raised from the dead. We **learn** he blasphemes God in The Temple in Jerusalem. We **learn** that it's **given unto him** to kill Jews and Christians, and that **power was given him** to rule the whole World ([Rev 13:7](#)). We are then informed that defending yourself from any of this is useless because John warns **the saints** that, **He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword**. These are the things that **the saints** must 'patiently and faithfully endure unto the end'. And this is what John means when he writes, **Here is the patience and the faith of the saints** [Rev 13:10](#).

The same mindset is explained to be required in Chapter 14. In this chapter, just after the description of The Rapture of the 144,000 Jews, John tells us about the three 'herald angels' which **fly in the midst of heaven...to preach unto them that dwell on the earth** [Rev 14:6](#). And though the description of the overhead preaching of these 'herald angels' immediately follows the description of The Rapture of the 144,000 Jews in this account of heavenly events, no clear sequential terminology is used to assure us that other events from other perspectives don't fit in between. Still, I would guess these angels begin their low-orbit ministries around the Earth immediately after The Abomination of Desolation and possibly continue throughout The Days of Vengeance.

And the first angel does make plain that with his flight, **the hour of his** [or God's] **judgment is come** [Rev 14:7](#), indicating the beginning of the 'worst-time-ever' period Daniel and Jesus speak about that follows The Abomination of Desolation, and which is also indicated by The 7th Trumpet Judgment. So this angel must fly very early in the second half. He also preaches **the everlasting gospel** [Rev 14:6](#). Considering that everyone on Earth hears this supernatural preaching, it should make you wonder how Satan nonetheless gets away with deceiving **the whole world**. But the reason is not that hard to find. It's because **the god of this world** [Satan] **hath blinded the minds of them which believe not** [2 Cor 4:4](#) because of their **hardness and impenitent heart[s]** [Rom 2:5](#) including **having their conscience[s] seared with a hot iron** [1 Tim 4:2](#). And these are the ones that will **perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved** [2 Thes 2:10](#). From this we can imagine that most

people will not even respond to an angel in the sky telling them what's what. But despite this mass insanity, this angel should provide an immeasurable source of courage and comfort for the **few** who need it to **endure unto the end**.

The Second Herald Angel is either informing the Earth after the fact or predicting that **Babylon is fallen** [Rev 14:8](#), which again must be the 'spiritual name' and not likely the literal location of the home of the False Prophet. And I say that he must be predicting this event if the angel flies early because this 'fall of Babylon'—which is further described in Chapters 17 and 18—must occur late in The Days of Vengeance as we will see. And if he is really informing us of a past event then this angel must be flying late in The Days of Vengeance. But the message of the Third Herald Angel implies that the second one is more likely an early forecaster of the fall of the False Prophet and his **city**, because the Earth needs the message of this third angel as close to the beginning of The Days of Vengeance as possible. And the second herald's early forecast would also provide the necessary courage for the ones that will later need to renounce **Babylon** and help provide some of the strength they will need to **come out of her** as we will see.

And it's this third orbiting Herald Angel that by his message again shows us the required mindset needed by **the saints** in order to get **victory over the beast**. His message is about the consequences of failing to win this **victory**, and should help provide **believers** the **patience** and **faith** required to **endure** the **temptations** to give in to the Antichrist. The angel proclaims,

If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 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: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. [Again,] Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus [Rev 14:9-12](#).

Now we can see here that this message is not specifically for Jews but for **any man**. In this context we can also **understand** the next **...voice from heaven saying,**

...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 [Rev 14:13](#).

And the Jews around The Throne of God who are among the first to have **gotten victory over the beast** are also among these **dead which die in the Lord**. And therefore this is a strong indication that all three Herald Angels must fly very early in The Days of Vengeance, if not throughout, to best accomplish their ministries. And that their encouraging ministry will help Jews and Gentiles the World over **endure unto the end**.

And we can expect that many others both before and after The Rapture of the Tribulation Jews will get **victory over the beast** because they are seen at the end of The Great Tribulation. John sees them then as...

...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 [Rev 20:4](#).

We'll talk more about these **Blessed** ones in [SECTION 11](#).

So evidently the Antichrist will prepare a way to kill Jews and Christians extremely fast and efficiently with a system build around one or more applications involving 'a swift blade to the neck'. Heads will likely be removed by guillotine, axes and other blades, but undoubtedly, a thundering host of heads will roll. This will be by the decree of the Antichrist after **he as God** leaves The Temple in Jerusalem which he will shortly thereafter **destroy**, probably making room on that site for his new **palace**. The activities of God, Satan and the Antichrist in The Great Tribulation are topics of the next section.