

END TIMES BASICS

END TIMES AND REVELATION

What is your attitude regarding end times? Doesn't Scripture show that God wants you to know and understand them, and to be alert? God declares the end from the beginning and, by Spirit, reveals to His servants what is to come. **"the Spirit of truth...will disclose to you what is to come" (Jn 16:13)**

The Book of Revelation is the single most important book of the Bible. If the Lord opens that book to you, His other books will open as well. John is called "the disciple whom Jesus loved." Why? John received more revelation of Jesus than anyone else, especially the Book of Revelation. In fact, that book is **"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants" (Rev 1:1)**. If you don't want to know and understand Revelation, it's like saying you don't really want to know and understand Jesus Christ.

LETTERS TO THE CHURCHES

A key part of Revelation is the Lord's letters to the seven churches (Rev chapters 2 & 3). These letters can signify churches of the past, types of churches in any time period, or church ages. As church ages, the Lord gives clues to understand church history from His perspective...

- Ephesus — **"false apostles"** — the time of the Lord's apostles vs. false apostles
- Smyrna — **"Nicolaitans"** — Jews ruled the church, and ungodly Jewish teachings defiled the church.
- Pergamum — **"satan's throne"** — Rome was the world power. Gentiles began to rule the church, giving birth to Roman Catholicism.
- Thyatira — **"Jezebel"** — the church became the power. This is world Catholicism during the Dark Ages.
- Sardis — **"a name that you are alive"** — the Lord's Name is The Word of God (Rev 19:13). The written Word of God was printed and made public during this period, the Protestant Reformation.
- Philadelphia — **"Jews"** — the Nicolaitans are back (Messianic Judaism) with their ungodly teachings.
- Laodicea — **"lukewarm"** — the Trumpets/Bowls church that He will spew out of His mouth

What's the Lord's opinion of the organized church? In these letters, five churches are told to repent, two are called the synagogue of satan, and all seven letters emphasize overcoming. Overcome what? The churches! You must overcome the organized church in any church age. (5 repents + 2 synagogues of satan = 7 overcomes)

HAMON-GOG AND ARMAGEDDON

When men are falsely teaching about end times, they speak of "rapture" and "tribulation." God, however, will teach you to understand end times in terms of His **Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls**. Hamon-Gog and Armageddon are the two biggest events of these time periods...

The Battle of Hamon-Gog is the war that comes at the **Sixth Seal of Revelation**. It will be a nuclear world war among men, the sons of Noah. Countries representing *Ham* and *Japheth* will come against Israel, the descendants of *Shem*. Hamon-Gog will bring massive worldwide devastation, but it's not yet the end.

The Battle of Armageddon is the world war at the **Seventh Trumpet of Revelation**, the "last trumpet" (1Co 15:52). This war will take place at least seven years after Hamon-Gog. And, unlike Hamon-Gog, Armageddon will involve all of God's creation: mankind, heavenly beings both good and bad, and even the Lord God Himself will return for the fight.

END TIMES BASIC ORDER

6th Seal	BATTLE OF HAMON-GOG Russia and Iran invade Israel / the U.S. aids Israel / Nuclear war / Russia and the U.S. obliterated
Post 6th Seal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven-year peace treaty authored by the antichrist • New temple built in Jerusalem
7th Seal	Silence in heaven for half an hour / Trumpets prepare to blow
<i>A trumpet is blown, and a corresponding bowl is poured out...</i>	
1st Trumpet and Bowl	EARTH Third of the trees burned, grass burned / Bowl poured out on the earth
2nd Trumpet and Bowl	SEA Third of the sea becomes blood / Bowl poured out on the sea Burning mountain <i>probably = volcano</i>
3rd Trumpet and Bowl	FRESH WATERS Third of fresh waters made bitter / Bowl poured out on the fresh waters Fallen star <i>probably = meteorite</i>
4th Trumpet and Bowl	HEAVENS Third of the heavens smitten / Bowl poured out on the sun; men scorched with fire
Midpoint	Somewhere around the 4th Trumpet and Bowl is the seven-year midpoint: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lord's two witnesses begin prophesying • Satan fully inhabits the antichrist/false prophet • Temple sacrifices are stopped in Jerusalem • Abomination of desolation image is set up in the temple in Jerusalem
<i>"Woe, woe, woe" — the last three trumpets are the three woes...</i>	
5th Trumpet and Bowl — 1st Woe	FALLEN STAR Men tormented five months / Bowl poured out on antichrist kingdom Locusts <i>probably = helicopters spraying chemicals</i>
6th Trumpet and Bowl — 2nd Woe	EASTERN ARMY Third of mankind killed / Bowl poured out on the Euphrates River Horses <i>probably = tanks</i>
7th Trumpet and Bowl — 3rd Woe	BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON The Lord returns in power; seen across the sky; destroys the armies of the nations; "It is done" / Bowl poured out upon the air

REVELATION BASIC OVERVIEW

Chapters 1, 4, 5 — throne room in heaven
 Chapters 2, 3 — letters to churches
 Chapters 6 thru 10 — framework of events
 Chapters 11 thru 19 — fill-in to framework
 Chapter 20 — millennium, white throne judgment
 Chapters 21, 22 — eternity

Seals — Rev 6

Trumpets — Rev 8-11

Bowls — Rev 16