END TIMES: WHAT WILL BE SEEN AND HEARD

PRIOR TO SEAL 6 / BATTLE OF HAMON-GOG

- Israel reborn as a nation in 1948 (Isa 66:8)
- Jews gathered back to Israel (Jer 23:7-8; Ezek 36:24)
- Jerusalem restored to the Jews in 1967 (Zech 12:2)
- Berlin Wall comes down in 1989 to fulfill Jer 23:7-8
- Famine, pestilence, inflation, shortages, wars, rumors of wars, lawlessness (Rev 6; Mt 24)
- Many false teachers saying Jesus is the Christ (Mt 24:4-5)

SEAL 6 / BATTLE OF HAMON-GOG

- Russia and others invade Israel (Ezek 38:15-16)
- Great earthquake in Israel (Ezek 38:19; Rev 6:12)
- God destroys the invading armies (Ezek 38:22)
- Israel buries the dead for 7 months (Ezek 39:12)
- Israel burns enemies' weapons for 7 years (Ezek 39:9)
- Fire [nukes] hit Russia and the U.S. (Ezek 39:6)
- Sun becomes black; moon becomes blood (Rev 6:12)
- Sky splits apart like a scroll [nuclear] (Rev 6:14)
- Men hide in fear in caves and rocks (Rev 6:15), saying:
- "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come; and who is able to stand?" (Rev 6:16-17)

PERIOD LEADING TO TRUMPETS/BOWLS

- A new world empire forms / leopard (Dan 7:6)
- Another world empire forms / 4th beast (Dan 7:7)
- 4th beast leader makes a 7-year covenant (Dan 9:27)
- Jews build a temple in Jerusalem (Ezek 43:10-11)
- People in churches say, "I am rich" (Rev 3:17); but the Lord says, "I will spit you out" (Rev 3:16)

NOTE: Trumpets and Bowls happen concurrently... T1/B1 then T2/B2 then T3/B3, etc.

TRUMPETS/BOWLS 1-4 (about 3½ years)

- T1: third of the earth burned (Rev 8:7); B1: men with mark get malignant sores (Rev 16:2)
- T2: a burning mountain turns a <u>third of the sea</u> into blood (Rev 8:8); B2: every living thing in the sea dies (Rev 16:3)
- T3: a fallen star poisons a <u>third of the fresh waters</u> (Rev 8:10-11); B3: the waters become blood (Rev 16:4)
- T4: third of the sun, moon, and stars darken, and do not shine (Rev 8:12); B4: the sun scorches men with fire (Rev 16:8)

AFTER TRUMPETS/BOWLS 1-4 (about 3½ years)

- Angel in midheaven says, "Woe, woe, woe, to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!" (Rev 8:13) three woes = Trumpets and Bowls 5. 6. and 7
- Three angels in midheaven proclaim eternal gospel: "Fear God" / "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great" / "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark..." (Rev 14:6-11)
- Two witnesses prophesy, send plagues (Rev 11:3-6)
- Antichrist stops sacrifice, sets up image (Dan 9:27)
- Antichrist does false signs and miracles (Rev 13:13-14)
- People make an image of the beast; the image will speak (Rev 13:14-15)
- People receive mark of beast (Rev 13:16)

TRUMPETS/BOWLS 5-6

- T5: locusts [helicopters] torment men with poisonous gas (Rev 9:5); B5: antichrist kingdom is darkened; men gnaw their tongues in pain (Rev 16:10)
- Men blaspheme God because of the plagues (Rev 16:9,11,21)
- Around this time, a great city [Rome] burns (Rev 18:8)
- T6: a 200-million-man army kills a third of mankind (Rev 9:14-19); B6: the Euphrates dries up to make way for the eastern army (Rev 16:12)

HEADING INTO T7/B7

- Antichrist kills the two witnesses (Rev 11:7-11)
- People rejoice over their death (Rev 11:10)
- Two witnesses come back to life and ascend up to heaven; they're told "Come up hither" (Rev 11:11-12)
- In the temple, the "man of lawlessness" says he's God (Dan 11:36; 2Thess 2:4)
- The nations' armies gather at Megiddo (Rev 16:16)

TRUMPET/BOWL 7 / BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

T7: the Lord returns in the sky and is seen by all (Mt 24:30; Zech 12:10); His feet land on the Mount of Olives, which splits (Acts 1:11-12; Zech 14:4); He roars the "seven thunders" (Rev 10:3); He destroys the armies of the nations (Rev 19:14-21; Zech 14:3,12); B7: biggest earthquake in history (Rev 16:18); 100-pound hailstones fall upon men (Rev 16:21); blood up to the horses' bridles for 200 miles (Rev 14:20)

END TIMES: A GUIDE TO UNDERSTAND

Have the correct attitude toward Revelation

- Book of Revelation was given by God (Rev 1:1)
- Given by God to Jesus Christ (Rev 1:1)
- It is the revelation of Jesus Christ (Rev 1:1)
- It is for His servants (Rev 1:1)
- Do not add to or take away from Rev (Rev 22:18-19)
- Blessed if read, hear, and heed Revelation (Rev 1:3)

Why the Book of Revelation is unique

- If you believe the voice of God the Father, then it becomes the most important book of the Bible
- Easy to understand if the Lord teaches it: a 1st-grade primer
- If He teaches it, it unlocks the rest of the Bible
- Probably the least-distorted book of the Bible, because Bible translators don't think they understand it
- The key to knowing "the mind of Christ"

People must overcome the churches

- Rev 2-3 describe actual churches, types of churches, and church ages
- Bottom line: Rev 2-3 saying DON'T GO TO CHURCH
- Five told to repent (Rev 2:5,16,22; 3:3,19)
- Two others called synagogue of Satan (Rev 2:9; 3:9)
- All seven: "overcomes" the churches (Rev 2:7,11,17,26; 3:5,12,21)
- 5 repent + 2 synagogue of Satan = 7 overcome
- Philadelphia age ends with 6th Seal (Rev 3:12; 7:15)
- Laodicea age ends with 7th Trumpet (Rev 3:21; 20:4)

God knows the exact timing of things

- 42 months (Rev 11:2; 13:5)
- 1,260 days (Rev 11:3; 12:6)
- time, times, and half a time (Rev 12:14; Dan 7:25; 12:7)
- 1,290 days (Dan 12:11)
- 1,335 days (Dan 12:12)
- five months (Rev 9:5,10)
- seven months (Ezek 39:12,14)
- seven years (Ezek 39:9)
- 70 weeks (Dan 9:24)
- 62 weeks (Dan 9:25-26)
- 7 weeks (Dan 9:25)
- one week (Dan 9:27)
- a thousand years (Rev 20:2-7)

"No one knows" is a false teaching of the church

- The unknown day is when heaven and earth will pass away (Mk 13:31-32)
- Lord does know the day of His return (Zech 14:7)
- His people will know also (1Thess 5:4)
- But evil servant won't know day or hour (Mt 24:48-50)
- Lord told of the end in advance; why? (Mt 24:25)
- His people are to be stewards of God's mysteries (1Cor 4:1; Mk 4:11)
- He does nothing without revealing to servants (Am 3:7)

The Lord speaks in a spiritual language

- stars = angels (Rev 1:20)
- candlesticks = churches (Rev 1:20)
- seven eyes = seven Spirits of God (Rev 5:6)
- vial of odours (incense) = prayers of saints (Rev 5:8)
- Sodom and Egypt = earthly Jerusalem (Rev 11:8)
- horns = kings (Rev 17:12)
- waters = peoples, multitudes, nations (Rev 17:15)
- woman = city (Rev 17:18)
- fine linen = righteousness of saints (Rev 19:8)
- His name = The Word of God (Rev 19:13)

More on how the Lord speaks

- He speaks on different levels: earthly, spiritual, or heavenly (ex: temple on earth, body of believers, temple in heaven)
- He can speak about one time period and switch to another time period in the next sentence (time warp)
- Forget "rapture" and "tribulation"; the Lord speaks in terms of Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls

John used archaic language for things he'd never seen

- sky split apart like scroll = atomic explosion (Rev 6:14)
- hiding in rocks = in nuclear bomb shelters (Rev 6:15)
- burning mountain = a volcano (Rev 8:8)
- falling star = a meteor (Rev 8:10)
- locusts with scorpion tails = helicopters (Rev 9:7-10)
- horses that issue fire = tanks (Rev 9:17-19)

Outline of the Book of Revelation

- Chapters 1, 4-5: throne room
- Chapters 2-3: letters to churches
- Chapters 6-10: blueprint of the end, in order
- Chapters 11-19: fill-in to blueprint
- Chapter 20: millennium and white throne judgment
- Chapter 21-22: eternity