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# THE ABYSS. 9:1, 10:1-3

The pit of the abyss or the deep. This expression occurs seven times in Revelation. Out of the deep, the lowest pit, there comes the demon and into the pit of the abyss Satan will be cast for 1,000 years. The Lake of Fire is a different place.

# THE ACCUSER

Satan is the accuser of the Brethren. 12:10. His expulsion out of heaven occurs in the middle of the week, followed by the great tribulation on earth.

# ALPHA

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The first letter in the Greek alphabet; Omega is the last letter. Therefore, Alpha and Omega is equivalent to an A and Z. Symbolical of the first and the last. 1:8; 21:6; 22:13.

#### THE AMEN

A name of our Lord. He is the "verily", the truth, and assurance and certainty are expressed by this word. 1:14.

## THE ANTI-CHRIST

The final and personal Anti-Christ is mentioned for the first time in Revelation in Chapter 13:11-18. He is also called the false Prophet, because he heads up the ecclesiastical corruption and apostasy of the end of the age. He must not be confounded with the first Beast out of the Sea who is a political head, the emperor of the revived Roman empire, the little horn of Daniel 7, and the Prince that shall come of Daniel 9:26.

### ARMAGEDDON

Mentioned for the first time in the parenthesis between the sixth and seventh vial. Chap. 16:12-16. It means "The hill of slaughter". The battle of Armageddon will be of brief duration. It is the stone of Nebuchadnezzar's dream smiting suddenly the ten toes, the ten kingdoms (Dan. 2). The battle of Armageddon is briefly described in Chapter 19:19-20.

#### THE BEAST

The expression "four Beasts in Rev. 4 and 5, etc., is faulty. The correct rendering if "the four living Creatures" or the "four living ones". The term "Beast" applies to the revived Roman empire and its head, the little horn of Daniel, also called Beast in Daniel's vision. The anti-christ is likewise called a Beast. The work of the two Beasts is seen in Chapter 13.

#### BIRDS, UNCLEAN AND HATEFUL

Symbolical of evil persons outwardly professing to be something but full of corruption. They describe the apostate masses of Christendom. Rev. 18:2 Also Matt. 13:31-32.

#### BLACK HORSE

The black horse comes into view with the opening of the third seal. Black is the color of night, darness and death.

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# BLOOD, WITH HAIL AND FIRE - Chapter 8:7

Not literal things, but symbols of divine judgment for this earth.

## THE BOW - Chapter 6:1

The bow without an arrow as in possession by the rider upon the white horse is the symbol of a bloodless conquest.

## THE BRIDE - Chapter 21:2

The Bride of Christ, the Lamb's wife, 9:7; it is not Israel but the church.

### CANDLESTICK, GOLDEN

Symbolical of that which gives light. Representing the seven assemblies. The church is on earth to give light.

# CROWNS

The symbols of given glory and also rewards for service. The crowns seen upon the seven heads of the dragon (12:3) and upon the four horns of the Beast (13:1) denote despotic authority.

# DAVID, ROOT AND OFFSPRING - Chapter 22:16

Christ is the Root and offspring of David.

### **DEMONS**

Fallen spiritual beings; the wicked spirits over which Satan is the head. They will be worshipped by the apostates during the end of the age. Demon worship is even now going on to some extent, for the anti-christian cults are produced by demons. (I Tim. 4:1). See Rev. 9:20-21. The word devils must be changed to demons. There is but one Devil, but legions of demons.

# ELDERS, TWENTY-FOUR

The twenty-four elders typify all the redeemed in Glory. Old and New Testament Saints are included. After Chapter 19 this term does not appear again, because the church, the bride of Christ, is then seen separate from the entire company of the redeemed, and takes her exalted position as the Lamb's wife.

#### FIRE

Often mentioned in this book and symbolical of the judgments which will be executed upon the earth as well as the everlasting wrath upon the unsaved.

# FORNICATION

Spiritual wickedness in departing from the Truth of God, followed by the literal lusts of the flesh. The days of Lot will be on the earth before the Son of Man cometh.

#### FOUR

This number appears a number of times in Revelation. Four living creatures; four corners of the earth; four horns of the golden altar; four angels; four winds. Four is the number of universality.

#### FROGS

Mentioned between the sixth and seventh vial. Symbolical of demon influences, denoting filthy and wicked things. Frogs come out of slimy and dark waters; evil doctrines.

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GLASS, SEA OF - Chapter 4:6

Compare with Exod. 30:18-21 and I Kings 7:23, etc. Symbolical of fixed lasting holiness. No more water needed for cleansing from sin, for the Saints in Glory are delivered from the presence of sin itself.

GOD, SUPPER OF - Chapter 19:17

Symbolical of God's judgment upon the wicked nations and the earth dwellers.

GOLD

Symbolical of divine righteousness.

GRASS - Chapter 8:7

Symbolical of human prosperity. Isa. 11:7 and I Pet. 1:24

HADES

The region of disembodied spirits; literally "the unknown". Christ has the Keys and Hades with Death, because they came into existence through sin, will be cast into the Lake of fire.

HORNS

Horn is symbolical of power. Horns mean typically kings, powers and kingdoms. Dan. 7:24.

IMAGE OF THE BEAST - Chapter 8:12-15

Compare with Dan. 3. It will be a literal image of the princely leader of the revived Roman empire, the first Beast, which John saw rising out of the sea.

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Mentioned under the sixth seal and the seventh vial. Mountains typify kingdoms and governments; islands are symbolical of smalled and isolated governments. All will be affected. No doubt when the great earthquakes will shake the very foundations of the earth, many islands will also disappear.

**JERUSALEM** 

The earthly and the heavenly Jerusalem are mentioned in the book. During the tribulation the earthly Jerusalem will be the seat of the Anti-christ, the false Prophet. Jerusalem is for this reason called "Sodom and Egypt" (11:8). Then Jerusalem will pass through her worst history. A great siege will take place at the close of the tribulation period and the city will fall (Zech. 14). After that Jerusalem will become the capital of the kingdom of Christ and a great temple will be erected, the universal place of worship during the millennium. The heavenly Jerusalem is above the earth. From there the glorious reign of Christ and the Saints will be executed. This glorious city will come down out of heaven at the end of the millennium to find its eternal resting place on the new earth. (Chapter 21-22).

**TEZEBEL** 

Symbolical of the Papacy. The corruptress which claims to be the Bride of Christ, but plays the harlot. See Chapters 2 and 17.

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### LAKE OF FIRE

The place which God has prepared for the Devil and his angels. The Beast and the false prophet will be cast there; also the Assyrian, the King of the North, the nations who followed the Beast and all the wicked dead. Death and Hades will likewise be put into that place.

## MARK OF THE BEAST

Some special mark which declares ownership. As the Holy Spirit seals those who trust on Christ, so Anti-christ will put his mark upon those who follow him.

# MILLENNIUM, THE

Millennium means "a thousand years." Six times this period of blessing and glory is mentioned in Rev. 20.

#### MOON AS BLOOD

The Moon is symbolical of derived authority. Blood is the symbol of death. Apostate Israel and the apostate church passing through the most severe judgments are symbolized by this figure.

### MORNING STAR, THE

Christ in His Coming for the church. Chapters 22:16; 2:28

### MOUNTAIN

A Kingdom.

## NICOLAITANES

Mentioned in the message of Ephesus and Pergamos. They signify the domineering, priestly class which assumed an unscriptural place of authority in the church.

#### SEA

Symbol of the nations. Also the literal sea, which gives up the dead. Then there will be no more sea. All wickedness and restlessness will cease forever.

### SEVEN

The divine number. No other Book in the Bible contains so many "sevens" as this final Bible-book, the Revelation. There are seven angels, churches, attributes of the Lord, heads, horns, eyes, spirits, lamps, seals, trumpets, vials, plagues, stars, thunders, times and a sevenfold doxology.

#### STARS

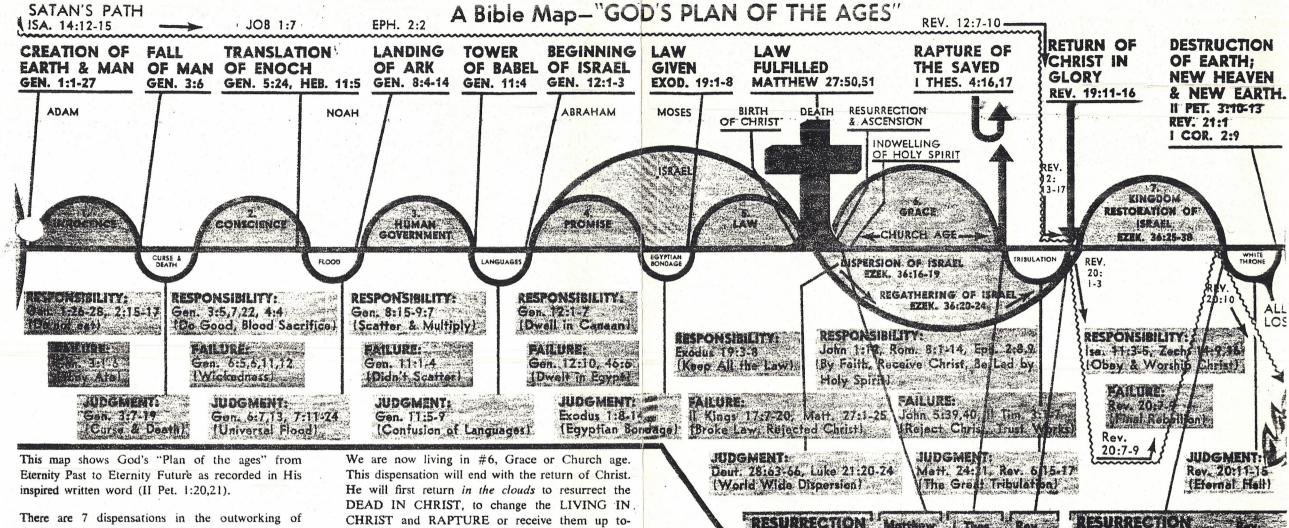
See exposition on the meaning of the seven stars in His hand. Stars are also symbolical of lesser authorities, which will all fall during the tribulation period. Lights in the night.

## SUN

The symbol of supreme authority.

#### SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN

Mentioned in the messages to Smyrna and Philadelphia. It means a Judaized Christianity as seen in Ritualistic, professing Christendom.



There are 7 dispensations in the outworking of God's overall eternal purpose (Eph. 1:9,10). In each man is given a specific test or responsibility; each ends in failure and this brings judgment. The overall revelation of the dispensational tests show that man is utterly sinful and lost (Rom. 3:10,23).

Salvation in every dispensation is by the GRACE GOD (un-deserved, un-earned gift) and is received BY FAITH. Some examples are Abel, Heb. 11:4; Enoch, 5-6; Noah, 7; Abraham, 8-19; Moses, 23-29. See also Eph. 2:8,9; Rom. 6:23.

We are now living in #6, Grace or Church age. This dispensation will end with the return of Christ. He will first return in the clouds to resurrect the DEAD IN CHRIST, to change the LIVING IN CHRIST and RAPTURE or receive them up together to Himself (John 14:1-3; I Thes. 4:16,17). This event MAY BE SOON—notice the regathering of Israel—SUDDEN (I Cor. 15:52), and a SEPARATION of the saved (born-again, in Christ; John 3:6,7; Rom. 8:1,9) from the unsaved. THOSE WHO REJECT CHRIST TO THE RAPTURE OR THEIR DEATH WILL NOT HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY (II Thes. 2:10-12; John 14:6)! Then after the 7 year Tribulation Judgment, Christ will return to the earth IN HIS GLORY with His saints to establish the 1,000 year Kingdom on the earth (Matt. 24:29,30; Rev. 19:11-20:6; Jude 14,15).

The Tribulation will be God's wrath on this Christ rejecting world and men will beg the mountains to fall on them to hide them (Rev. 6:12-17). There will be wars and AT LEAST 1/2 THE WORLD'S POP-ULATION WILL BE KILLED (Rev. 6:4,8; 9:15-18)! Men will be scorched with fire, there will be great earthquakes and 100 pound hail. Cities will fall and every island and mountain will disappear (Rev. 16:8,9,18-21).

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APRIL E

The White Throne is God's final judgment on as who have rejected His GRACE, BY FAITH salvation. They will be resurrected from all dispernation to be proven they could NOT be saved by their own works and their names are NOT written in the Lamb's Book of Life. They will then be separated from God forever in the Lake of Fire (Rev. 20:11 15). WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH JESU! CHRIST?

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