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*Discerning the Apocalypse*

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Some of the foundational principles to be considered in the study of the Book of Revelation, or preferably the Apocalypse, are enumerated below. Serious, dedicated students, to whom the commendation is given in Revelation 1:3, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein for the time is at hand," will appreciate immeasurably the value of this divine prophecy which, when fulfilled, consummates the gospel plan of salvation. It never departs from the elements of the gospel preached by Christ, as well as the Old Testament prophets, namely, the things concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. It is much more than a prophecy of future events; it repeatedly concerns itself with individual faith and perseverance for the excellence of character required of those who aspire to please the Almighty and participate in the glory that will be manifested in the Yahweh name when it is fully developed.

The principles perceived are not exhaustive. Those who participate in this study are encouraged to make notes where space permits and add any thoughts that they deem appropriate.

The Apocalypse teaches:

(1) The manifestation of the Yahweh name, first in the individual Christ and afterwards in the corporate or multitudinous Christ-body of faithful saints of all ages.

(2) The establishment of the literal Kingdom of God on earth under an Israelitish constitution, fulfilling the promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, as well as the covenant with David that a king would "proceed out of thy bowels" and establish such kingdom.

(3) The final and complete destruction of the universal church, the apostate system whose blasphemies and misrepresentations are enumerated plainly in this book. An accurate theme of the Apocalypse is "Rome vs. Zion."

(4) Phrased another way, the theme is, "The victory of the ecclesia over the church."

(5) The gradual development of time and history which can be verified by men's historical recordings, which certification assures credibility and reality that God has a plan and that it is evident and progressive.

(6) The contents of the apocalyptic message must not be ignored or set aside as being too difficult to grasp. It is addressed to God's "servants," not a special intellectual segment who are trained in the wisdom of the world. In fact, the intellectuals will not perceive the message, but those grounded in the essentials of the simple gospel will be the receptive and appreciative ones.

—JAMES STANTON

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## *Discerning the Apocalypse*

*Anakrino*—ask question, discern, examine, judge, search

*Apokalupsis*—appearing, coming, manifestation, revelation

Also, unraveling, unveiling, denouement

*Anaginosko*—(read), one who gathers exact knowledge

### CHAPTER 1—

1. Revelation of Jesus Christ, *NOT* Saint John the Divine
2. Who are the servants of God?
3. When written?
4. The Apocalypse rooted in the prophets
5. Blessed is he that readeth
6. John to the seven ecclesias in Asia—ecclesias not churches
7. Significance of seven
8. For ever and ever—*aion* or *olabm*
9. The Aion of sin and death, 7000 years
10. Behold he cometh with clouds
11. The Alpha and Omega
12. In spirit in the Lord's Day
13. Seven golden candlesticks (lightstands)
14. The Son of Man similitude

### CHAPTERS 2 & 3—

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Smyrna—works under trial, pseudo-Jews  
Pergamos—holding fast, Antipas, Balaam, some Nicolaitanes  
Thyatira—patient in works, tolerates Jezebel  
Sardis—dead in name, works not perfect, a few undefiled  
Philadelphia—kept my word, pseudo-Jews  
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3. Seven epistles typical of the development of the Apostasy

### CHAPTER 4—

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3. 24 elders in white raiment
4. Activity of lightnings and thunderings
5. Four living creatures or living ones (beasts, A. V.)

### CHAPTER 5—

1. The divine book sealed with seven seals
2. The Lion of the tribe of Judah, or Lamb

3. Worthiness of the Lamb
4. Associates of the Lamb

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2. 2nd Seal—red horse—period of bloodshed
3. 3rd Seal—black horse—period of famine
4. 4th Seal—pale horse—period of death
5. 5th Seal—souls under the altar—Diocletian persecution
6. 6th Seal—great earthquake—overthrow of Paganism

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1. Sealing the 144,000 of spiritual Israel
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## CHAPTER 8—

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5. 4th Angel—Odoacer—sun, moon and stars darkened

## CHAPTER 9—

1. 5th Angel—1st Woe—star falls from heaven—locusts
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3. 6th Angel—2nd Woe—uprise of Euphratean (Byzantine) empire
4. Four angels—Seljuks, Moguls, Tartars, Ottomans
5. 391 years & 1 month—April 29, 1062-May 28, 1453
6. Horses and cannons

## CHAPTER 10—

1. Mighty Angel clothed with a cloud—rainbow upon his head
2. Corporate or multitudinous Christ
3. Little open book (cf. Ezek. 2:9-10)
4. Seven Thunders—judgments after Armageddon
5. Time no longer
6. Eating of the little book
7. Thou must prophesy again

## CHAPTER 11—

1. Measure the temple of God (for tribulation)
2. Holy City trodden under foot 42 months (610-1870)
3. My two witnesses prophesy 1260 days (312-1572)

*Eureka*

- a) Anti-Catholics
- b) Those holding the Truth

*Apocalypse Epitomized*

- a) The earth, or democracy
- b) The woman, religious

4. Donatists, Waldenses, Novatians, Huguenots
5. Edict of Nantes and its revocation (1598-1685)
6. 3½ days (105 years). Their dead bodies shall lie (1685-1790)
7. Great earthquake—tenth part of city falls
8. 7th Angel sounds—kingdoms become Christ's (in due time)

## CHAPTER 12—

1. Woman clothed with the sun of imperial authority
2. Being with child illegitimately
3. Great red dragon—Paganism
4. Man child = Constantine. Michael (who like God) = Constantine
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6. A time, and times, and half a time = 1260 years (312-1572)
7. The earth helped the woman

## CHAPTER 13—

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2. Seven heads—forms of government—regal, consular, dictatorial, decemviral, tribunitial, imperial, Gothic
3. Ten horns—as in ten toes of Nebuchadnezzar's image (Roman)
4. Like a leopard, bear and lion (cf. Dan. 7:4-7)
5. One head (imperial) wounded to death (476 A.D.)
6. Deadly wound healed about 60 years later (554 A.D.)
7. There was given to him a mouth speaking blasphemies
8. Continue 42 months (529-1789)
9. The Beast of the Earth
10. Mark of the Beast
11. Number of the Beast—666

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7. 4th angel identifies the Christ organization
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9. 6th angel continues harvest or reaping of earth
10. 7th angel continues harvest and vintage—gather the clusters
11. Treading of winepress without the city
12. 1600 furlongs—See *Times and Seasons*, chapter 26, page 195

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7. Kings of the sun's risings—immortalized saints
8. Three unclean spirits like frogs—cry of French Revolution—Liberty, Equality and Fraternity
  - a) Dragon = Constantinople
  - b) Beast = Europe
  - c) False prophet = Papacy
9. Battle of the great day of God Almighty—Day of the Lord
10. Thief-like advent under 6th Vial
11. Gathering to Armageddon under 6th Vial
  - a) Not Megiddo (II Chron. 35:22; Zech. 12:11)
  - b) Like Euphrates, not a literal place, but a symbol of judicial fiat
  - c) *Arma* = a heap of sheaves  
*gai* = a valley  
*don* = judgment
12. Valley of Jehoshaphat adjacent to Jerusalem (Joel 3:1,12,14; Zech. 14:1; Micah 4:11-12)
13. Outpouring of 7th Vial—after Christ returns—greatest of all earthquakes

## CHAPTER 17—

1. The great whore with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication—a profligate woman astride a scarlet-coloured beast having seven heads and ten horns—Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots
2. One is (imperial), the other (Gothic) is not yet come (in John's day)
3. The eighth (imperial) head is of the seven
4. Ten kings related to the beast system make war with the Lamb—Post-Armageddon aggressor = Papal—Pre-Armageddon = Christ

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6. Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb
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2. No more deceiving of nations till the 1000 years fulfilled
3. After the 1000 years, loosed for a little season
4. Christ and the saints reign 1000 years
5. Rest of the dead—those accounted unworthy at Christ's return and judgment (*bema*)
6. First resurrection—CHIEF resurrection—more significant in the divine plan than post-millennial resurrection
7. Loosing of Satan-forces—compassing the camp of the saints—fire comes down from God to destroy them
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## CHAPTER 22—

1. Post-millennial wood of life
2. No more curse—no measurement of time
3. Blessed is he that keepeth or observeth the sayings of this book (*anakrino, anaginosko*)
4. The apocalypse is certain
5. Servants are to narrowly observe the words of this prophecy
6. No additions or subtractions are to be made under penalty of being removed from the book of life

## Some Relative Dates and Events in the 6,000-year Span of the Kingdom of Men

<b>B.C.</b>	
4004	Creation
2347	Flood
1919	Abraham leaves Haran
1489	Exodus
1435	First Jubilee cycle begins
1009	4th year of Solomon's reign
604	1st year of Nebuchadnezzar
456	7th year of Artaxerxes Longimanus
534	Babylonian tree cut down
334	Alexander the Great
<b>A.D.</b>	
33	Crucifixion of Christ
70	Destruction of Jerusalem by Romans
54-68	Nero rules Roman Empire
80-96	Domitian rules Roman Empire
96-107	Nerva rules Roman Empire
107-117	Trajan rules Roman Empire
169	Irenaeus ecclesiastical historian
312	Constantine comes to power
529	Justinian issues decree
610	Phocas issues decree
1453	Fall of Constantinople
1572	Massacre of St. Bartholomew
1789	French Revolution
1870	Temporal Power of Papacy removed
1897	First Zionist Congress
1917	Balfour Declaration
	Russian Revolution; Rise of Communism
	Ottoman Empire dried up
1948	Israel Becomes a State
1967	Jerusalem Restored to Jews
1992	Possible End of 1335 Years
1997	End of 6000 Years

## THE APOCALYPSE EPITOMISED

or

## THE UNVEILING OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

*KEY PASSAGE: Rev. 1:1*  
*Scope & Plan of the Prophecy: Rev. 1:19*  
*Era of Commencement: Rev. 1:3*

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The things represented by this colossal angel were in existence somewhere before he made a forward move in order to set his fiery feet upon the sea and upon the earth—upon the sea first; and afterwards upon the earth. The *nucleus* of the RAINBOWED UNITY is in present existence at "the right hand of power." It is there in the form or "fashion of a Man," "justified by spirit," and therefore spirit; and "made strong" as the Man of Yahweh's right hand, "whom he has made strong for himself" (Phil. 2:7; I Tim. 3:16; John 3:6; Psa. 80:17). This Spirit-Nucleus is the Lord Jesus Anointed, and by the anointing made what he is. He is the Eternal, by spirit manifested in Flesh, justified and glorified. As the nucleus of the Rainbow Unity, he is not now standing upon the sea and upon the earth; but is in a far country, whither he went many centuries ago to receive the king-

dom, and afterwards to return (Luke 19:12). This return has been long expected and earnestly desired by his servants; but, as yet, their expectation has not been fulfilled. Nevertheless, at the time appointed, styled by Paul, *kairois idiois*, "his own times," the manifestation of the Lord Jesus Christ will be shown by "the Blessed and Only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see" (I Tim. 6:14-16). This is the individual, personal, and simple nucleus of the Rainbow Angelic Unity—omnipotence incorporate in one man—"the Man Christ Jesus"—the Spirit-Man, who says: "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame" (Apoc. 16:15).

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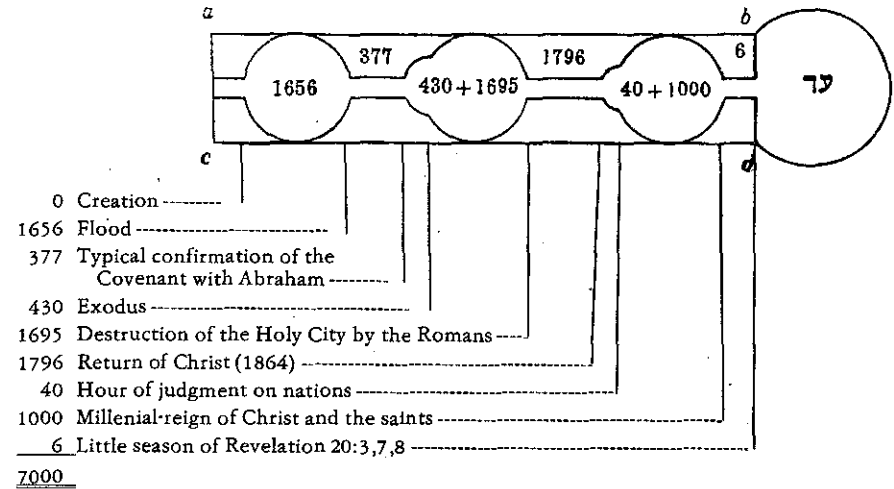
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*To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. Jude 25.*

The Aion of Sin and Death, 7000 Years.



Dates from W. H. Carter's *Times and Seasons* (1961)

	Years to Event	Cumulative
Flood	1656	1656
Exodus	857	2513
Destruction of the Holy City	1560	4073
Return of Christ (not W. H. Carter's date)	1922	5995
Judgment of the nations (not W. H. Carter's date)	5	6000
Millennial reign, including little season	1000	7000
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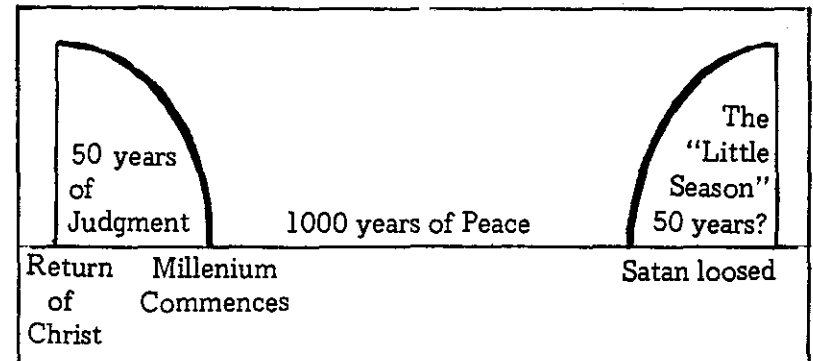


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3. 1796-1801
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5. 1808-1815
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7. 1992-1997

## **Dates of the Seven Thunders**

1992-1997; The Seven Thunders are the execution of the Seventh Vial—the period after Christ returns, the judgment of the saints has been completed, civil and ecclesiastical opposition is eliminated, and the Kingdom is ready to be re-established under Christ and the saints for 1,000 years.