

## SEVEN MAJOR EVENTS, OR AGES OF MANKIND

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*This is a long "study" that needs more than just reading. Please check all the scriptures and go through it as often as it takes to get familiar with the newness of the subject. I also want to say that I am not trying to build a following or asking for money. If you disagree with this study I will not be offended.*

Webster's dictionary. gives this definition. of AGE = "The part of an existence extending from the beginning to any given time." Also "A period of time in history or the development of man or in the history of the earth."

In this study each event is identified as a major occurrence that altered the direction that mankind was going. You may think of them as historical events of man, or interventions of God for His purpose, or an action to preserve mankind. Different translators allude to these periods of time as a "generation", or "age", and "world". All three of these words are from the same Strong's. Concordance. #165 or #1074 which both can be translated as "age". I use Strong's Concordance to get the meaning of the original Hebrew or Greek word that will be discussed.

Strong.Conc.=#165 shows this word, "aiwn" is translated "AGE" 2 times, "UNTO THE AGES OF THE AGES" 42 times, "UNTO THE AGES" 8 times, "END OF THE AGE" 6 times, and "THIS AGE" 15 times. It is translated "WORLD" 38 times.

To lay a ground work for this study, let's look at some scriptures where we can use the alternate word "age" in the same place where "world" has been used:

Luk. 16:8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world (#165-age) are in their generation (#1074-succession, age) wiser than the children of light.

Luk. 18:30 Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world (#165-age) to come life everlasting.

Luk. 20:34 And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world (age) marry, and are given in marriage: 20:35 But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain THAT world (age), and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:

Luk.18:29 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of Elohyim's sake, Luk. 18:30 Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, (#165-age) and in the world (#165-age) TO COME life everlasting.

Note: Notice that Christ refers to two different ages, one is NOW, and the other is AFTER THE RESURRECTION. We know Satan will be bound during the

1000 yrs., another indication of a new age. However the "world" will still be in existence, even though Satan will not be ruling it then. The earth and the world (age) at that time will not be new but it certainly will be different, as we will see later. Paul has quite a bit to say about the ages:

Gal 4:4 In whom the god of this world (age) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Paul refers to this age when Satan rules. Then he goes on to talk about other ages, both past and future:

Eph. 1:21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, (age) but also in that WHICH IS TO COME:

Eph. 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, (age) against spiritual wickedness in high [places].

Note: In v.12 Paul addresses our present age, because we know from Rev. Satan will be imprisoned and will not be ruling in the next age. These next verses have been translated "ages", taken from the same orig. Greek word (#165). Notice the word is in the plural form, which indicates more than just one age is being referred to. "All ages" includes the past, present, and future ages.

Eph. 2:7 That in the AGES (#165) to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in [his] kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.  
3:5 Which in OTHER AGES (#165) was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;  
3:21 Unto him [be] glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout ALL AGES, world without end. Amen.

Note: Paul covers at least 5 ages: present age=1, "other ages=2" (at least two), "ages to come=2" (at least two). 1+2+2=5.

Col.1:26 [Even] the mystery which hath been hid from AGES (#165) and from GENERATIONS, (#1074) but now is made manifest to his saints: Paul includes both "ages" and "generations" making a difference in the meaning.

The original Greek word "genea", according to Strongs Conc. is #1074. It is the same word that "generation, nation, time, an age or period (of persons)" is translated from, and can also mean a succession, or period of peoples (within an age), as well as "an age".

In Acts 17:26 we read: And (God) hath made of one blood all nations

of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

When Jesus said in Lk.21:32 "this generation (age) shall not pass away till all these things (that he had just described to them) take place". We know that only some of those things he predicted have been fulfilled. The period of time he was referring to was not restricted to their personal life span of 50-60 more years. Nor can we expect every other prophecy to apply to this (our) age, or before the return of Jesus, and/or within the following thousand years following his return. The bible tells us of another age, one that exists after "the whole house of Israel" will be resurrected. This will be discussed in detail as we go along.

Unlike the teaching that the seven day week represents six thousand years of mankind's existence before the last thousand year millennium reign, (or "rest") this study will show many things yet to occur before man enters into God's "rest". (Is.11:10) This study shows a different perspective on God's plan for mankind in terms of time. Jesus said that even he did not know when the end would come, but he did know of events that would occur before and leading up to certain other events. He said we were to watch and when we saw those events prophesied we could know how things were progressing. The reason neither he nor the angels could predict the exact time is because so much of what happens depends on mankind himself, what decisions and actions we make throughout the ages. God is merciful, and patient; not willing that any should perish. (See end of study for comment on "the rest")

#### 1. The First Age covers: From Creation to the Flood

Mankind's history begins in Genesis, with the creation of the earth, heavens, lights, vegetation, animals, man, and the day of rest. Some have thought there was a major event when God ran man out of the garden, in that their nature and the nature of animals were changed. But reading all the verses from Gen. 1: to after the flood, we do not find any such "change". We do find, however, that the serpent was "more subtle" (full of knowledge and crafty), already allowing itself to be used by Satan. We find that man is driven out of the garden of Eden, but we do not see any "change" in their character. They were created innocent, but with the option of making decisions. Their first choice was if, and how long until, they would disobey the instructions their creator had given them.

Only two of Adam and Eve's many children (of 930 yrs.) are recorded as having committed murder, and at that time God had not placed an immediate punishable penalty for murder. Instead, we see Cain protected from retribution by a sign from God. The most important curse placed on man, as result of the sin of disobedience, was that they "died", that is, they came under the penalty of death, or as we might

say, "under the law", which required the shedding of blood to pay for their sin.

The garden of Eden was different from the outside world, which made it special. It contained all the good food trees, plus the tree of good and evil (knowledge), and the tree of life. After the sin, Adam and Eve were sent back to the place where he had been created, where his home was to be from then on; that place was cursed as Adam's punishment. We see later that wherever Cain settled that that land would also be cursed for his punishment. (Gen.4:12) We don't see that the whole earth was cursed, otherwise there would be no need for God to curse the earth again for Cain's benefit. If we can count the generations the bible gives to calculate how long this age lasted, we come to just under 1700 years.

We do see that this first age started with a new creation of humanity (and animals) who eventually, as a whole, chose to listen to and believe Satan instead of their Creator. Since the serpent was punished for allowing itself to be influenced by Satan, it seems that even some, if not all, animals may have had a choice as to whom to listen to, Satan or God. Almost 2,000 yrs. later, except for Noah and his family, this first age ends with the great flood. Genesis Chapters 1 through 7:23. Except for enough life to restock the earth, everything was destroyed by the flood. Thus we see the first history of man and it's end.

I will digress for a moment on some interesting assumptions people have made regarding certain scriptures. Moses, writing about pre-flood time, explained in Gen. 6:1-2 that there was a vast population explosion. Also that the women were fair (beautiful). Because of man's lusts, they took as many of whomever they chose as sexual mates. They took as many, and from any family, or race, etc. without regard to original instructions. Elohyim's intention was for man to have only one wife. We read in previous chapters that only one line, that of Seth, called upon the name of God. They were more righteous than the other offspring's of Adam and Eve, therefore they were referred to as "sons of God", the others as "sons of men". Eventually, even the offspring's of Seth (sons of God) degenerated to the same level as the rest of the tribes (sons of men) of the earth. They, too, began to practice the same immoral sexual perversions. When Seth's descendants began to intermarry and "take wives of any they chose" many of their offspring became very prominent and influential men. And, yes, in time, some of these people grew tall, into giants, who formed powerful governments. And as governments of man, apart from God, always become, they too, became oppressors. We read of another race of giants in the world during David's time, too; he slew one of them. But all of the pre-flood giants died in the flood. Only Noah, his sons, and their wives, eight people survived. The sons of Noah had only one wife each. Some people suggest that "giants" were the result of angels marrying women. If this be the case, what can we attribute the giants of David's time to?

Before the flood there's no strong indication that people ate flesh, even though God did make a difference between clean and unclean animals, probably for sacrificial reasons, and to teach the difference later when they were given permission to eat flesh. (Gen.9:3) Had they already been eating flesh there would have been no reason for God to instruct them as to how to prepare the flesh, not to eat (or drink?) the blood, etc.

Neither were men given permission to practice the death penalty for murder before the flood. But that changed after the flood. (Gen.8:21, 9:3-6,11) The Eternal also stated that he would never destroy the whole earth with water again, nor would the ground be cursed again for the sins of man. Even though the earth needs clearing and tilling, it is no longer cursed as it was for Adam and Cain's punishment.

As touching on the nature of carnivores animals, which Is.11:6-9 describes, we can know they will be changed at some point in time, when and how is not the purpose of this study. Is.11: covers one or more ages, pointing out major things to occur in the future. We can be sure that "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea", (v.9) indicating the whole earth will know and be following Elohyim's way of life at that time. So, it seems animals' nature will not be changed until after Satan has been imprisoned, or maybe even later, after the earth is "full of the knowledge of the Lord".

## 2. The Second Age

The Age of The Law and calling of one nation Israel

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A Second time period begins with only Noah and his family, and the animals he had saved; everyone else died in the flood. After the flood, and destruction of vegetation, Noah and his family are given permission to eat meat. God also instructs them that they were not to eat (or drink) the blood. They are commissioned to repopulate the earth. We aren't told how long it took for the population to grow into a large nation of many cities, but by tracing the genealogy of Shem, it appears it was within 300 yrs. from the flood till the time of Abram. It seems they did take the commandment to "populate" very seriously.

Approximately three generations after the flood, Nimrod, the great grandson of Noah, whose reputation was that of a mighty hunter, appears on the scene. Nimrod was the builder of the city Babel, in the land of Shinar. (Gen.10:9-10) All of the men listed lived over 100 yrs. Noah lived fifty-eight years after Abram was born. Many females were born that were not recorded, and they in turn lived long reproductive lives, also. That would explain the fast population growth in so short time.

It didn't take long for the new world to forget their creator, and become involved in a bizarre plan to defy him. So he halted their work by confusing their language. By so doing they became scattered, creating different languages, and separate nations. We read in 1Chr.1:19 that during the life of Peleg, 100 yrs. after the flood, the earth was divided. We have little information about this "dividing"; it would have happened within the 230 yrs. Peleg lived. How it was done is left to our imagination. Could the "dividing" have been at the same time God came down and intervened in their plans to establish a one world government? It does seem logical to think so.

About two hundred years later, God selects one man, Abram, to reveal himself to, working out a plan through his descendants: Isaac, Jacob, (renamed Israel) and Jacob's twelve sons, and their families. There were many other families on earth, but God chose to work through the one that proved to God that he would teach his children Elohyim's word.

Once again, the world is headed for trouble. God foresees a worldwide famine on the horizon. He uses Joseph, a great-grandson of Abraham, to prevent worldwide starvation. After the famine, Abraham's descendants find themselves enslaved by Egypt. God directs Moses and Aaron to lead them to freedom. God enters into a marriage covenant with the family of Israel. He gives them his laws, his Sabbaths, and his holy days. He reminds them of the new moons to determine times of the seasons, the holy days, that they may observe them in worship to Him. He gives them priests, judges, and prophets to guide them toward living an abundant good life. Through sacrifices, God makes it possible for Israel's sins to be forgiven, pointing to a future age of grace. He promised if they would be faithful, as they agreed to do, he would bless them abundantly, fight their battles, increase their wealth, and keep them healthy. But, Israel, as a whole, rejected God by insisting on human kings to rule over them. They accepted and practiced forms of pagan worship, leading them into idolatry. They eventually split into two nations, one referred to as "House of Israel" and the other "The House of Judah". However, in some cases, both houses are referred to as "Israel".

As Jacob's (Israel's) family grew into separate tribes, they repeatedly broke God's laws; by so doing they broke their marriage contract with him. They, not keeping God's laws, as did those in the first and second ages, still lived under the curse of the law, the penalty of death, which without the shedding of blood, when they sinned, lead to their eternal death. Background and history of this age begins with Gen. 12 and runs throughout the Old Testament, until the coming of the Messiah.

3. Third Age - The Age of grace and the new covenant Church  
The Third Major Event

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This period covers from Jesus' sacrifice to the Destruction of the Earth, and this age, as we know it today. During this, our present age, salvation is extended to all nations, through the Messiah's redemption gift. The penalty of death is paid for by the sacrifice of Jesus. He builds his church. The gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John give us insights into the ministry of Jesus, his teachings, his life and his death.

The first of the seven Seals of Rev. 6: opens on this scene. The seven Seals runs like a thread all the way through the history of the Church, climaxing at the end with the seven Vials of God's Wrath.

Rev. 6:1-8 === The first Seal = The White Horse  
This white Horse (religions) goes forth conquering.

The book of Acts describes and explains the beginning of Jesus's church, spiritual Israel. The letters to the churches, by different writers, explain a better/new covenant, which did away with many physical ordinances that were a part of the first covenant. Those who accept his teachings, as the Son of God as the Messiah, repent of their sins and are baptized, are no longer under the curse of the law, the death penalty. They are forgiven and given the holy spirit, and are promised a resurrection to eternal life. Laws pertaining to the temple, priests, tithes, animal sacrifices, circumcise, and washing rituals are no longer enforced. In this age, as Yashua predicted in Mat. 24 and other places, many false religions are taught, and will eventually be forced upon the whole world. Israel continues to the very end to sink deeper into idolatry, bringing on God's wrath against them.

Eze. 15:6 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 15:7 And I will set my face against them; they shall go out from [one] fire, and [another] fire shall devour them; and ye shall know that I [am] the LORD, when I set my face against them. 15:8 And I will make the land desolate, because they have committed a trespass, saith the Lord GOD. Eze.11:8 Yet will I leave a remnant, that ye may have [some] that shall escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries. 6:9 And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives, because I am broken with their whorish heart, which hath departed from me, and with their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols: and they shall loathe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations". Some, who found themselves in concentration camps or captivity in the past may have repented, but did enough repent to fulfill this prophecy? Are they in a repentant attitude now? Has the modern nation of Israel accepted Jesus Christ yet?

Some might think this is referring to the scattering, and regathering,

that has already happened to Israel, but as a nation, they have yet to "loathe themselves for their evils" and to repent of their sin against the Messiah. Because this has not been fulfilled yet, we see that it is a dual prophecy, and is to occur again, in a future time. We can know from Israel's history that they were already in captivity when God gives them warning through Ezekiel. Therefore his warning message is also for a future time.

Eze. 11:16 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come.

In reference to the few Israelites that will be protected, God tells Ezek. to explain it with portions of hairs, representing people.

Eze. 5:1 And thou, son of man, take thee a sharp knife, take thee a barber's razor, and cause [it] to pass upon thine head and upon thy beard: then take thee balances to weigh, and divide the [hair].

5:2 Thou shalt burn with fire a third part in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled: and thou shalt take a third part, [and] smite about it with a knife: and a third part thou shalt scatter in the wind; and I will draw out a sword after them.

5:3 Thou shalt also take thereof a few in number, and bind them in thy skirts.

Are we being too presumptuous to think these are those who will survive as prisoners of war in Gentile countries, repent and are still alive at the appearance of their Savior? Could they be the small number of Israelites spoken of as the 144,000 who are "marked for private protection"? (Rev. 7:3-4, & 14:1-2) Some are still hid in the skirts; where they will "remember God in the nations where they are scattered".

To better describe this age of grace, the third age, we continue with the seven seals. The first Seal represents false religions which covers the earth and continues to this day.

This is the Second Seal == Red Horse Rev.6:3-4  
Power is given to this Horse to make War

The following scripture includes "all the house of Israel": After Jerusalem is burned, next comes the other nations of Israel. If it is a fact that the English speaking countries are descendants of the tribes of Israel, then America and Great Britain will be included in this prophesy. In any case, all (not limited to just the one nation of Judah) the nations of Israel, wherever they are, will be effected.

Eze. 5:4 Then take of them again, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire; [for] thereof shall a fire come forth into ALL THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL..... 5:17 So will I send upon you famine, evil beasts, and they shall bereave thee; pestilence and blood shall pass through thee; and I will bring the sword upon thee. I the LORD have spoken [it].

The second Seal escalates into the third Seal.

### 3. Third Seal = Black Horse Rev. 6:5-6

Famine = which leads to a powerful plan to save the world from starvation. (League of Nations?) This rider is in control of food distribution. Talk to our farmers and they will tell you that the ground work is already being laid; they are already being controlled. They are no longer free to buy and grow their own choice of seeds.

Wars, earthquakes, famines, diseased, rabid animals, earthly calamities, religious persecution, two thirds of Israel murdered, one third taken as prisoners of war by Gentile nations; just a small amount are hidden in the skirts.

These disasters lead into the "the time (age?) of the great tribulation, that will be one of the worst times in the history of mankind. How can this time be any worse than the flood, or the captivities of Israel and Judah in previous times? The answer is that those in the flood were much fewer in number; they had only a short time to know terror before they all drowned. Other isolated nations that have experienced calamities, have done so in spurts of time, just as some are doing today. However, when this specific time of tribulation takes place, it's going to effect much of the earth, large nations, so drastically that "if those days were not shortened no flesh would be left alive" Mt.24:22.

### 4. Fourth Seal = Pale Horse Rev. 6:7-8

Death rides this Horse, followed by Hell (the grave). Death takes the life of one fourth of humanity.

This "tribulation" is not the only tribulation that has occurred in the world, but will be the worst, in that it will not be limited to just a few thousand, but to millions throughout many nations of the world. It relates especially to all the many nations of Israel, when God turns his face against Israel, because of her sins. It also relates to religious persecution to people who refuse to take the mark of the beast . By the time "the day of God's wrath" (the 7 vials of Rev. 16) begins, most of the elect will have been murdered, leaving only a very few, scattered throughout Gentile nations.

During Satan's wrath against Israel, God turns his face away from them. The earth's upheaval leaves it with poisoned water, meteorite

storms, darkening of the sun, moon turns red, all vegetation burned up, and most of mankind totally destroyed. This will befall the remaining peoples of every nation on earth. (Rev.16:1-21) These calamities are prophesied in both Old Testament and the New Testament.

Jesus describes the first four Seals:

Mat. 24:5 For many shall come in my name, saying I am Christ; and shall deceive many. 24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all [these things] must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 24:7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilence's, and earthquakes, in divers places. 24:8 All these [are] the beginning of sorrows.

5. Seal Five = No Horse mentioned here. Martyrdom is the topic.

Rev. 6:9-11 Martyrs cry from the grave for revenge on their murderers. They are told to wait for other martyrs to be murdered, as they were.

The beast (Satan's political power) and the Man of Sin (Satan's false religions) Will have come onto the scene by this time. They are working behind the scenes (once again) for a one world government, to control the world.

24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. 24:10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

Mat. 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. Compare this with Rev.11:3-7 and 14:6-9 where the gospel is preached to all nations; first by the two witnesses and then by three angels.

Then something happens that slows the great tribulation down. Mt.24:9 appears that Jesus returns immediately, but that is not the case because there are still several Seals to go.

6. Seal Six = Satan's Wrath continues.

Rev. 6:12-17 Great earthquake, darkness over all the land, meteorite plummet the earth, the mountains and islands move

and melt. People hide in caves and want to die (but can't). The earth is blanketed by fear.

Rev.7:1-8 A sealing of 144,000 of the tribes of Israel takes place. Rev.9:4 shows they will not have to suffer the horror of two great wars 1) of germ warfare, 2) of 200 million soldier military described in Rev.9:, (the Beast power?) that will soon conquer the world, because they will have the seal of God in their foreheads. Paul sees another group, the great converted, Gentile multitude who come out of great tribulation, described as those who will serve God in His temple. Rev.7:14-15

In Rev.8:1-13 is the last and seventh Seal. Within the last Seal we are introduced to the seven trumpets. The first four Trumpets unloose devastating destruction to the earth.

The fifth Trumpet is the first Woe (Rev.9:1-11) which describes the first of the two wars just discussed. The sixth Trumpet is the second Woe (Rev.9:13-21) which describes the second war. Then we read about the two witnesses in Chps. 10:1-11, 11:1-14. Revelation chp.12 gives a brief history of Israel, from which Jesus (the Son of God) is produced. It appears that 1,360 years, or a three and half year period of protection begins just prior to the war between Michael and Satan. Satan loses the battle and determines to destroy some of Israel, but is prevented by a great earthquake. Then Satan turns his wrath back onto those who "keep the commandments, and have the testimony of Jesus". Keep in mind that these and the following events are set within the seventh Seal, the seventh Trumpet, which is the last of three Woes.

## 7. The Seventh Seal

We see near the end of the seventh seal, in the second of three Woes (of the seventh trumpet), the gospel being preached to all nations by the two witnesses. And again, just before the destruction of Babylon, we see in Rev. 14:6-9 three angels who preach the everlasting gospel "to every nation" on earth. Jesus referred to this in Mat. 24:14 that the "gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations" before the end comes. It is important to note the time slot these events fill in this age.

At the expense of being redundant, I am going to elaborate more in detail on the Seals, because they play a crucial part in the time sequence of this age, which the N.T. has much to say about.

Eze.12:15 And they shall know that I [am] the LORD, when I shall scatter them among the nations, and disperse them in the countries.  
12:16 But I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence; that they may declare all their abominations among the heathen whither they come; and they shall know

that I [am] the LORD.

These calamities begin with the very beginning of the church age.  
The First Seal: Rev. 6:2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer. Religions abound throughout the world.

6:3 And when he had opened The Second Seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

6:4 And there went out another horse [that was] red: and [power] was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword. Wars and rumors of wars begin with the exception of the church and continues even today.

6:5 And when he had opened the Third Seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see.

And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. 6:6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and [see] thou hurt not the oil and the wine. World wide famine will be dealt with by some super power (United Nations?) controlling and distributing the food supplies to every nation. If this is the next event to befall the world, we are living in the second seal, soon to enter this third seal.

6:7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. 6:8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. By this time people will be starving to death, fighting over food stuffs, dying from wars and diseases, and hungry, ferocious animals attacking and eating humans. This probably is the time slot for the "great tribulation". We should be aware, also, that one seal does not stop and another one start. Each seal continues on into the following seals, escalating into more intense conditions.

6:9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? 6:11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they [were], should be fulfilled.

Here we see two groups of martyrs that will be in the first

resurrection. The first group are already dead. The next group is in the process of being murdered. Both groups are identified as having been slain for their stand with Christ. Both groups will be in the "best" resurrection, on which the second death will have no power. When we studied the resurrections the comment was made and agreed upon that the bible does not limit this resurrection to just those who are to be martyred.

Daniel prophecies of things to occur during this age: Dan. 7:21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; 7:23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. 7:24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom [are] ten kings [that] shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings. 7:25 And he shall speak [great] words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. Dan. 11:31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily [sacrifice], and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate. 11:32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do [exploits].

It is not the purpose of this study to expound on the identities of these kingdoms, but to give an overall view of some of the prophecies of this age. In the face of great persecution, and martyrdom, the saints will stand up for Jesus, and successfully proclaim His message to any who will listen. Exploits = to take advantage of a condition for a purpose.

Dan.11:33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, [many] days. 11:34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.

However, after "many days" they will be defeated. Notice, after their fall, some few will be taken into captivity, by those who will help them, and "cleave to them with flatteries". St.Conc.# 2519= smooth, slippery, treacherous, blandishment. In other words, their helpers will help them for their own gain, but will deceive and betray the Christian. Dan.11:35 And [some] of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make [them] white, [even] to the time of the end: because [it is] yet for a time appointed.

Daniel's predictions parallels the end time "beast" of Rev. Dan.11:36 And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself,

and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. 11:37 neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. 11:38 But in his estate shall he honour the god of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things. 11:39 Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge [and] increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain. 11:40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. 11:41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many [countries] shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, [even] Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. 11:42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. 11:43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians [shall be] at his steps. 11:44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. 12:6 And [one] said to the man clothed in linen, which [was] upon the waters of the river, How long [shall it be to] the end of these wonders? 12:7 "..... he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that [it shall be] for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these [things] shall be finished. 11:45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

In Revelation 6: the world begins to see a preview of the next event, the day of God's wrath against this wicked system.

Rev. 6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; 6:13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. 6:14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 6:15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; 6:16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: 6:17 For the great day of his wrath is come(in); and who shall be able to stand? It is evident that we are

not presently living in the time slot of this sixth Seal.

In Rev. 7 we see the "sealing" of the 144,000 Israelite firstfruits, and a great multitude of Gentile martyrs who have come out of great tribulation. Is this not the second group of martyrs who was mentioned in Rev.6:11?

The seventh seal is the grand finale of this age. It includes the seven Trumpets, the three Woes, which ends with the seven vials of God's wrath. Rev.8, 9, and 10 describes the events of six of the trumpets and two of the Woes.

Following all of these events, the gospel will be preached to all nations for a witness of Yahshua the Messiah by the two witnesses.

Rev. 11:3 And I will give [power] unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred [and] threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. 11:5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

Again, are we being too presumptuous in thinking it a small thing for the creator to resurrect two men, Ezekiel and John, to physical life to fill these roles? Ezekiel was sent to The House of Israel as a witness to them. Historians tell us he never delivered that message in his life time. The ten tribes of Israel were at that time already in captivity.

Eze.3:1 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and GO SPEAK UNTO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL. 3:2 So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll. 3:3 And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat [it]; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness. 3:4 And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them. 3:5 For thou [art] not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, [but] to the house of Israel;

John is sent again to many peoples as a witness.

Rev. 10:8 And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go [and] take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. 10:9 And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take [it], and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. 10:10 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. 10:11 And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

This is written about these two men:

Rev.11:6 "These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them."

In addition to the two witnesses, we read of angels preaching the gospel. Rev. 14:6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 14:7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. 14:9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive [his] mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 14:10 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: 19:2 For true and righteous [are] his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

Then we read of the King of kings coming to make war, to "smite the nations". Rev. 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him [was] called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 19:12 His eyes [were] as a flame of fire, and on his head [were] many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 19:13 And he [was] clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 19:14 And the armies [which were] in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Note: This army is coming to punish, to destroy, and to kill. Are they not those that Jesus referred to when he said he could ask the Father and he would send him legions of angels to fight for him? Rev.17:14 shows the nations are at war with the King of kings and he will overcome them. This is occurring before the resurrection of the saints. It does not appear that these who come with Jesus are the saints of the first resurrection; rather they are his army who wages warlike destruction on a rebellious world.

Rev.19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 19:16 And he hath on [his] vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Isaiah tells us about this battle between The King of Kings, and the wicked nations that have rebelled against Him.

Isa. 13:4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle. 13:5 They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, [even] the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land. 13:6 Howl ye; for the day of the LORD [is] at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. 13:7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt: 13:8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces [shall be as] flames.

Isa.13:9 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. 13:10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. 13:11 And I will punish the world for [their] evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. 13:12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir. 13:13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger. 13:14 And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land. 13:15 Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined [unto them] shall fall by the sword. 13:16 Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished. 13:17 Behold, I will stir up the Medes (Iran?) against them, which shall not regard silver; and [as for] gold, they shall not delight in it. 13:18 [Their] bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children. 13:19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. 13:20 It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.

Some spiritualize Babylon as an attitude, and it can be applied this way to a point, but can we not also see that Babylon is a literal power, a great city that will be destroyed at the end of the age? Where is this city? Scripture says it is "the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency"; it is where Arabians once pitched their tents. Where was Babylon during

ancient Israel's time. Was it not in the country of Iraq and Iran?

Jermiah prophesies about the result of Babylon after the battle. Jer. 50:23 How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations! 50:24 I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the LORD. 50:25 The LORD hath opened his armory, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation: for this [is] the work of the Lord GOD of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans. (Look in a bible dictionary and see who the Chaldeans are).

50:33 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The children of Israel and the children of Judah [were] oppressed together: and all that took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go. 50:34 Their Redeemer [is] strong; the LORD of hosts [is] his name: he shall thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land, (for 1,000 yrs.?) and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon. 50:35 A sword [is] upon the Chaldeans, saith the LORD, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her princes, and upon her wise [men]. 50:40 As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour [cities] thereof, saith the LORD; [so] shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein. 50:41 Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. 50:45 Therefore hear ye the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out: surely he shall make [their] habitation desolate with them. 50:46 At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

Jer. 51:41 How is Sheshach taken! and how is the praise of the whole earth surprised! how is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations! 51:42 The sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof. 51:43 Her cities are a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth [any] son of man pass thereby. 51:44 And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up: and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him: yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall. 51:45 My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the LORD. 51:46 And lest your heart faint, and ye fear for the rumor that shall be heard in the land; a rumor shall both come [one] year, and after that in [another] year [shall come] a rumor, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler. 51:47 Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will do judgment upon the graven images of Babylon: and her whole land shall be confounded, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her. 51:48 Then the heaven and the earth, and all that [is] therein, shall sing for Babylon: for the spoilers shall come unto her from the

north, saith the LORD. 51:49 As Babylon [hath caused] the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth.

Revelation pictures Babylon as a mother harlot.

Rev. 17:1 .... I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: 17:4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: 17:5 And upon her forehead [was] a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. 17:6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. 17:8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition:..... 17:9 And here [is] the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains (cities/nations), on which the woman sitteth. 17:10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, [and] the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. 17:11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. 17:12 And the ten horns are ten kings, ..... which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. 17:13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him [are] called, and chosen, and faithful. 17:15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. 17:16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. 17:17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. 17:18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

18:1 And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven ..... 18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Note: Who are these people? Are they not the ones who "understood" but had to go through the day God's wrath to be purified, because they did not obey what they understood? Is this not God's last plea to the remnant of the wealthy, Gentile Laodicean church, whom God spews out of his mouth? They, possibly, are wealthy citizens of the very system that has previously martyred the saints.

Rev. 18:5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. 18:8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong [is] the Lord God who judgeth her. 18:9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, 18:10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. 18:11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: 18:12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, 18:13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. 18:14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. 18:15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, 18:16 And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! 18:17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, 18:18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What [city is] like unto this great city! 18:19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. 18:21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast [it] into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

There has been much speculation about who or what Babylon is. Some say it is America, some say it is the Catholic Church, some say it is Satan's society, etc. Some teach that the Great Babylon is figurative of New York City, because New York is the center of world trade, it fits the description of Rev.18:1-24. Perhaps someone has an insight into this question. As stated before, it is not for this study to identify the nations, but to present events occurring during the ages.

Revelation 16 describes the downfall of Babylon: Rev. 16:9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

At the very end of this age we see the Wrath of God demonstrated by

seven Vials which in the slot of time is the tail end of the 7th Seal, during the 7th Trumpet, and contained within the last of the three Woes. In other words, the 7 vials are in the last woe, which is in the last trumpet, which is within the last (7th) Seal.

Rev. 16:10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, 16:11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds. 16:12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. 16:13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs [come] out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 16:14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. 16:16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. 16:17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

At this point, God says in a sense, "I've had it with Babylon. It's time to show her who is boss!" And he does.

16:18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, [and] so great. 16:19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. 16:20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 16:21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, [every stone] about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

Rev. 19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; 19:18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all [men, both] free and bond, both small and great. 19:19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. 19:21 And the remnant were slain with the

sword of him that sat upon the horse, which [sword] proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh. This ends the seven seals, with their seven trumpets, with their three woes, with the seven vials of God's wrath. This ends the church age as we know it.

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And thus we leave the Age that Jeshua described to his apostles; the earth and most of mankind are destroyed. The next event of time, the earth is going to enjoy its rest. For the next 1000 years it will undergo a drastic face lift. Jesus and his saints will cleanse and rejuvenate the earth, making it as it was meant to be before mankind polluted and destroyed its beauty.

Isaiah looks beyond the 1000 yrs., to the next step when Israel will have a future. But this will not take place until after the resurrection of the Whole House of Israel.

Isa. 14:1 For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. 14:2 And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors. 14:3 And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve.

Note: After the 1,000 yrs. and after Israel's resurrection, in the second resurrection, many will look back into their past (to events they remembered before their death) and speak of Babylon:

Isa.14:4 That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased! 14:5 The LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked, [and] the sceptre of the rulers. 14:6 He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, [and] none hindereth. 14:8 Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, [and] the cedars of Lebanon, [saying], Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us. 14:9 Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet [thee] at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, [even] all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. 14:10 All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? 14:11 Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, [and] the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee. 14:7 The whole earth is at rest, [and] is quiet: they break forth into singing.

4. The Fourth Age:

## The First Resurrection and Thousand Year Reign

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We begin with the imprisonment of Satan and the first resurrection. The resurrected, martyred saints will assist Christ in restructuring a desolate earth, and rebuilding a new civilization, lasting for the next thousand years. Powerful Gentile nations have fallen, leaving remnants of women and children, elderly and infirm to rebuild future generations.

Rev. 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 20:3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

What few physical, Israelites that have survived are sparsely scattered throughout the world where they had been taken as prisoners of war. The land(s) of Israel is (are) in waste and plundered by Gentiles, and according to Eze.38 had laid waste for a long time by the next age, at the resurrection of the whole house of Israel. The earth has been shaken, destroying highways, air traffic, electricity, and all modern technology. The waters have been poisoned, the land burned to a crisp, the air thick with pollution, all vegetation destroyed, most, if not all, domestic animals are dead, and the earth has undergone massive geological transition. Christ and his saints will begin to work with the remnant of the nations, who are mostly Gentile.

Without Satan around to interfere, it will be much easier to educate them to live God's way of life, passing on their new knowledge to the following generations that will develop during the next thousand years. This seems the perfect time for the earth to claim its rest, to be restored, and prepared for the next age, the resurrection of the Whole House of Israel. But for now the first resurrection of the dead martyrs (the two groups, remember?) meet Christ in the air, and began the 1000 year rule with him over the earth.

Rev. 20:4 I saw the souls of 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, NOR had RECEIVED HIS MARK upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: Rev. 20:5 "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This [is] the first resurrection."

One might ask, "what about the 144,000?". We know they are referred to as virgins, and are Israelites from the twelve tribes of Israel, the

"firstfruits" redeemed from among men. They also are sealed (St.Conc.= privately marked for preservation). At the time of the first resurrection of the dead, are they somewhere, survivors or remnants, still alive? Paul says the dead shall rise first, then those who are still alive will rise in the air to meet Christ at His coming (I Thes. 4:16 - 1 Cor. 15:51-53). Jesus said at that time "one will be taken, one left". We are told that they will "follow" (have close relationship) with Christ wherever he goes. Only "martyrs" are said to be resurrected from death, and the rest of the dead will not live again until after the 1000 yrs. So if they are to be with Jesus for this period they will have to be those who "rise" to meet Him, and are changed "in the twinkling of an eye". Are they the "elect" Jesus referred to when he said, "if the days were not shortened...but for the elect's sake, the days will be shortened..."? (Mt. 24:22)

Revelation 7 gives a command, just prior to the day of God's wrath, to give the 144,000 a little extra time, and describes who they are. They are also to be protected from certain horrors. Rev. 9:4 shows "those men who have the seal of God in their foreheads" were not to be hurt.

Rev. 7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, 7:3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. 7:4 And 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. 7:5 Of the tribe of Judah [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad [were] sealed twelve thousand. 7:6 Of the tribe of Aser [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses [were] sealed twelve thousand. 7:7 Of the tribe of Simeon [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar [were] sealed twelve thousand. 7:8 Of the tribe of Zabulon [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph [were] sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin [were] sealed twelve thousand.

After this, in Rev. 14, John sees the same 144,000 with the Lamb: Rev. 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty [and] four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. 14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: 14:3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred [and] forty [and] four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. 14:4 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.

14:5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God. However, they are not mentioned as ruling during the 1,000 yr. reign on earth. But they do FOLLOW Christ everywhere he goes at some point, after their resurrection.

1Thes. tells about the first resurrection:

1Ths. 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive [and] remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 4:17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Indications are, for lack of more information, that the 144,000 Israelites, firstfruits, are indeed those scattered Christians who are still alive at the return of Christ, and they will be caught up in the sky to meet Christ with the first resurrection of the martyrs. On the other hand, the dead are to be resurrected first, and the 144,000 at a later time...John didn't specify any particular time period, other than that he saw the 144,000 following Christ. And he says those still alive will be caught up with those in the air. In Thes. 4:14 John says Jesus will bring those who were dead with him. Whether this is before the millennium or whether it will be when Jesus comes at the time of the new city of Jerusalem coming down out of heaven, is not clear.

Many people have believed that this age is when Jesus comes down to earth to usher in "the wonderful world tomorrow", and to rule over the nations with a "rod of iron", etc. What they don't understand is there are more ages to come, and many of the prophecies that have been applied to this age should be applied to those future ages. This age is the beginning of a wonderful age, but it will take many years to reach that point. The few people who escaped death from all the devastation from the "great tribulation" through "the day of God's wrath" which left the earth in chaos, will have to learn anew how to survive in a totally different world than they had known. Almost all men are dead, no supplies of food or clothing left. Homes as they knew them are all destroyed. At first most will live in caves and caverns, or makeshift shanties. They will be traumatized, sick, lame, and helpless, mostly elderly, women and young children. True, Jesus and the saints will be on the scene, working with them, as he has always worked with people, leading them, teaching them. But it's going to take time, many years, to get another healthy civilization going. Once the survivors grow into

families again, then into clans, and then cities, they will have a tremendous job cleaning and learning how to replant and rebuild a new earth. By the end of the 1,000 year age, the millennium reign, the earth will have been prepared for the next event, the resurrection of the Whole House of Israel.

By the end of this age, there will have been peace and prosperity, a healthy world of people and animals, purified air, water, and soil, and a beautified earth awaiting the next resurrection. These people will have been taught, just as we have, that Elohyim's way of life is the way to live. Without Satan around to deceive them, there has been no rebellion. Just as we, in this age, are preparing for the first resurrection, no doubt they also will be preparing for the next age and a great second resurrection.

Aside from Jesus and the saints ruling during this thousand year period of time, we are not given as much information as we once thought. Much of the O.T. prophecies that many think should fit into this age, in fact does not, but rather fits in the next age, after the resurrection of the Whole House of Israel.

#### 5. The Next Event or Fifth Age:

Release of Satan, and the Resurrection of Whole House of Israel

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Rev. 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 20:8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom [is] as the sand of the sea.

As we shall see Satan begins to work on these Gentile nations as soon as he is released. For the past 1,000 yrs. these nations have been preoccupied with rebuilding the earth, their families, and eventually their nations, back into a livable, comfortable state. Satan has not been there to influence them to think about destroying each other, or taking what is not theirs. They have lived in peace, giving heed to the God teachers, as they guided them into learning about Jesus, the King, and how he commands them to live.

After the thousand years expire, (we don't know exactly how long afterwards) after Satan's release, he begins to do the work he was released to do. We aren't told how long Satan influences these nations before the next resurrection takes place, or how long afterwards, but there comes a time when he leads many Gentiles and Israelites into serious trouble.

(Ezek.37:) Somewhere in this time frame the resurrection of the Whole House of Israel takes place, whether all at once, or over an extended time period, we aren't told. Unlike those in the previous resurrection

they will not be changed into spirit beings. They come alive into bodies with physical bone, flesh, and blood, and can experience a second death.

Finally, the event that the new world has prepared for comes to pass. It is filling with resurrected Israelites. All nations realize they are people who were dead, who came out of their graves. For a thousand years the Gods had taught, in their schools, about the great Israelite nations that had lived in the age before, how they had rebelled against God, and how God had turned his back on them and allowed their Gentile ancestors to destroy them. They knew all this happened a thousand years ago, before Jesus had become angry, during the black age, and destroyed the old world. The Israelites needed help in relocating in the land they had originally occupied, and the nations that hosted them were eager to assist them, and give them whatever they needed to begin rebuilding their nation.

Ezekiel tells us about the start of this age:

Eze. 37:4 Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. 37:5 Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: 37:6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I [am] the LORD. 37:7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. 37:8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but [there was] no breath in them. 37:9 Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. 37:10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. 37:11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. 37:12 Therefore prophecy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

Ezek.38:8 After many days thou shalt be visited: IN THE LATTER YEARS thou shalt come into the land [that is] brought back from the sword, [and is] gathered out of many people, against THE MOUNTAINS OF ISRAEL, WHICH HAVE BEEN ALWAYS WASTE: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.

In reality, these resurrected Israelites are scattered all over the earth, where they had died without hope, before and after the birth of Jesus, never knowing God's redeeming grace. A great number had

been prisoners of war and had died while in captivity. They are of all ages, children, and babies, from every tribe of Israel. Imagine their unique situation. They have come back to life, in a strange world that they have no knowledge of. It is a land of beauty, cleansed and remaped, with crystal waters, clear blue skies and clean, fresh air peopled with prosperous and healthy citizens. Gentiles and perhaps a few Israelites, that had survived as captives and populated, are now living together peacefully.

God says to the land:

Isa. 49:17 Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee. 49:18 Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, [and] come to thee. [As] I live, saith the LORD, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them [on thee], as a bride [doeth]. 49:19 For thy waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away. 49:20 The children which thou shalt have, after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, The place [is] too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell. 49:21 Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? and who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where [had] they [been]? 49:22 Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in [their] arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon [their] shoulders. 49:23 And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with [their] face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I [am] the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me. 49:24 Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered? 49:25 But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.

We don't know how many years have passed since the resurrection of the Whole House of Israel, or how long since the release of Satan, but it's evident it's been quite a while, perhaps a few hundred years. With the assistance of Gentile nations, they have all been moved back and settled in their lands. They have lived in peace, and prosperity. At first all neighboring nations were supportive of the newly formed nation of Israel. At some point the prosperous Gentile world and wealthy Israel, with Satan's influence, begin to forget their God. Gradually a change will take place. Powerful, self-sufficient nations become restless. Greedy men began to develop, and control their own governments. Anger and rebellion shows up in families. The nations, now wealthy, began to indulge in sinful activities the teachers had

warned them against. Children began to rebel against their parents; parents became disagreeable, neglecting their children. Prosperity and pleasure became the interest of the nations, as they choose to ignore the laws, and make their own decisions. Once again the nations engage in the destruction and pollution of the earth.

As Israel became more prosperous, some Gentile nations became increasingly jealous and resentful. These next scriptures explain what happens between Rev. 20:7 and verse 8. Notice both Rev.20:8 and Eze.38 both talk about the same time period, and the same nations.

Some nations notice how vulnerable Israel is, and how easily they could be ruled. Resentful Gentile nations listens to Satan, and Gog proceeds to lead a group of nations against Israel. Notice a key phrase: "in the latter years", which helps to place many prophecies in this particular age.

In Ezek.38:8 Jeshua talks to Gog and his allies: 38:8. After many days thou shalt be visited: IN THE LATTER YEARS thou shalt come into the land [that is] brought back from the sword, [and is] gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, WHICH HAVE BEEN ALWAYS WASTE: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them. 38:9 Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee. 38:10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, [that] at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: 38:11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, 38:12 To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places [that are now] inhabited, and upon the people [that are] gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land. 38:13 Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil? 38:14 Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know [it]? 38:15 And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army: 38:16 And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be IN THE LATTER DAYS, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes. 38:17 Thus saith the Lord GOD; [Art] thou he of WHOM I HAVE SPOKEN IN OLD TIME BY MY SERVANTS the prophets of Israel, WHICH PROPHESED IN THOSE DAYS MANY YEARS THAT I WOULD

BRING THEE AGAINST THEM? 38:18 And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, [that] my fury shall come up in my face. 38:19 For in my jealousy [and] in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; 38:20 So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that [are] upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. 38:21 And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother. 38:22 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that [are] with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. 38:23 Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I [am] the LORD.

Rev.20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints....the beloved city....and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them."

As you can see there was a lot left out about this event in Rev.20.

Ezek. 39:17 And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, [even] a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood. 39:18 Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan. 39:19 And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. 39:20 Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord GOD.

Many people get this battle mixed up with the "battle of Armageddon" in Rev.16:16 but they are two distinct battles. The battle in Rev.16 takes place before the 1,000 year reign. The battle of Rev.20:9 and Eze.39 take place after the 1,000 year reign.

Eze. 39:21 And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them. 39:22 So the house of Israel shall know that I [am] the LORD their God from that day and forward. 39:23 And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword.

We read in Rev.20 that Satan was the one who moved the nations against Israel. But here in Eze. we read it was God. So we must conclude that God used Satan to do the deed for him. There, then, must be a reason why God did this.

Hosea explains that during this period of time Israel had been pretty much on their own, aside from Satan's influence. The first generation parents must have been so aware of God's gift of life to them that they started off on the right track. The memories were fresh in their minds concerning God's holy laws and what he had just done for them. But gradually, the next generations became forgetful. As usual wealth and good times became the order of the day. Remember, these are Israelite flesh and blood people, with human nature, (just as we are), with Satan prowling about, seeking to devour, just as he is today.

Hos. 3:4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and [without] teraphim: 3:5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness IN THE LATTER DAYS.

History is repeating itself. Satan still hopes to destroy Israel. Prosperous Israel is materialistic, growing away from God. Gentile nations have become jealous and hostile against Israel and God. God intends to get the attention of Israel and Gentiles. This time the whole world will sit up take notice! But as we see in Ezek. 39 God makes short work with Gog and his allies' armies, leaving only a sixth of their people alive; perhaps civilians.

6. The Sixth Time Period, or Age:  
More Resurrections, and Judgments.

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Up until this time Israel and the Gentile nations are not mentioned as having strict religious involvement. But all that is about to change. God gives Ezekiel blueprints and instructions for the building of a temple, and a city with land allotted, and houses for those who serve there. God decides it's time for Israel to learn the lessons they never got the first time. He reintroduces his laws, His holy days, Sabbath, new moons, and the priesthood, this time through the Zadok line, along with animal sacrifices. Israel is not yet reconciled to the Father because they have not yet accepted Jesus as their Messiah. Through the reinstatement of the sacrificial laws they will finally understand the full implication of the sacrificial laws. They will see how each sin must be covered by the blood of their Savior. Each sacrifice points (back) to Jesus as the Lamb of God. They will finally understand how cruelly their peoples had rejected their only hope of life, by rejecting and crucifying their Messiah. This is a time

when "all things will be restored".

We are reminded also that Jesus promised the twelve apostles would each have a position of rulership with Him. We also are told that David would be their King (or Prince). It seems logical that these individuals are spirit beings ruling in human forms in the positions intended for them. On the other hand, was David in the resurrection of martyrs? He has not been mentioned as ruling in the millennium, could it be that he may have been resurrected during this resurrection? IF that is the case, is he also physical, or was some resurrected to spirit beings at this resurrection? There is no mention of any of the great men of the bible being in a specific resurrection. Job stated that he knew he would see his Redeemer in his (Job's) flesh. So, did he expect to be resurrected as a spirit being, or as a part of the Whole House of Israel?

Ezekiel is told, "never again" will Israel, or her kings, defile the name of God by their idolatry. He reminds them of their past sins, and proceeds to reintroduce the priesthood, sacrificial, offerings, and other laws He had given them hundreds of years before. Israel has finally learned their lesson, to submit to God. He tells them he will no longer tolerate their sins.

Eze. 43:7 And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, [neither] they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places. 43:8 In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their post by my posts, and the wall between me and them, they have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger. 43:9 Now let them put away their whoredom, and the carcasses of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever. 43:19 And thou shalt give to the priests the Levites that be of the seed of Zadok, which approach unto me, to minister unto me, saith the Lord GOD, a young bullock for a sin offering. 44:5 And the LORD said unto me, Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD, and all the laws thereof; and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary. 44:6 And thou shalt say to the rebellious, [even] to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations, 44:7 In that ye have brought [into my sanctuary] strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, [even] my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations. 44:8 And ye have not kept the charge of mine holy things: but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves.

God reminds them of their sins concerning how they treated his house in the past. Then he instructs them how it is going to be done in the future. The former Levites, Pharisees, etc. will be demoted from priests to maintenance workers.

44:9 Thus saith the Lord GOD; No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that [is] among the children of Israel. 44:10 And the Levites that are gone away far from me, when Israel went astray, which went astray away from me after their idols; they shall even bear their iniquity. 44:11 Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, [having] charge at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house: they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them. 44:12 Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity; therefore have I lifted up mine hand against them, saith the Lord GOD, and they shall bear their iniquity. 44:13 And they shall not come near unto me, to do the office of a priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, in the most holy [place]: but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed. 44:14 But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein. 44:15 But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord GOD: 44:16 They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge.

And He also expects Israel to teach all the other nations, and to be their example. Gentiles will also be required to respect these laws.

Zech.14:16 And it shall come to pass, [that] every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. 14:17 And it shall be, [that] whoso will not come up of [all] the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. 14:18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that [have] no [rain]; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. 14:19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. 14:20 In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar. 14:21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in

the house of the LORD of hosts.

Isaiah 20:19-25 shows that Egypt and Assyria do eventually yield to God and he calls them his people, also. And for the first time in their history both the House of Israel and the House of Judah will be reunited into one great nation. Eze. 37:14-22

We have no information as to when Satan is imprisoned again, or how long it takes for the nation of Israel to build the temple, according to the blueprint plans Jeshua gave Ezekiel, nor how long after it is built that it takes them to get on the right track. There is no time given for this period or age. Some things that seem logical is: They will still be living among Gentile nations. Since Gentiles are being forced to "keep the Feast of Tabernacles" they are still being influenced by Satan and being judged. Israel is still having children, and as each individual grows old, he/she dies a natural death, to await their final resurrection.

This (sixth) age takes us to possibly more great resurrections. There are several groups to consider of which I will make mention: 1) Gentiles, from all nations, who have come through great tribulation and are chosen to be servants of God, in His temple. 2) People who had died during the 1,000 yr. reign. 3) Israelites who had lived and died from Jacob to the time of the temple building period. 4) Pagans who had never heard of Jesus or God. These are people who may or may not have been in the first two resurrections. We assume the last resurrections will be the masses that have been tried, (judged) died, and had had an opportunity to know about God's plan.

Revelation 7: tells us about these resurrections:

Rev. 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; 7:10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. 7:14 ..... And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Remember Dan. 11:35? "And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed"?

How can we know these are Gentile converts? They were not of the 144,000 who were all Israelites, and they are from all nations around the world. So we see that many Gentiles were converted, not necessarily martyred, who came out of the great tribulation. In other words they could have at first been a part of those who persecuted Christians, but who learned the truth from the resurrected saints and repented, and accepted the sacrifice of the Son of God. But are these people changed into spirit beings? They are not said to be "reigning as priests" with

Jesus or God. They have a different position from those in the first resurrection. And if we remember, only those in the first resurrection will be free from the power of the second death. (Rev.20:6) "they will be fed (spiritual food?) and LEAD unto living fountains of waters" indicating they still need to "be fed" and lead before they receive eternal life.

Rev. 7:15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and SERVE HIM DAY AND NIGHT IN HIS TEMPLE: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. 7:16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. 7:17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. 20. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet (were), and shall be tormented (toss, descend to the bottom) day and night for ever and ever. 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is [the book] of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Can we believe a merciful, loving God would not give everyone a chance to make it into his kingdom? This last resurrection will be the last calling for the many masses of people who never had a chance to know or hear about the Messiah, or God. This final resurrection will give them the first opportunity to accept or reject their Savior. No doubt this will take no longer than a hundred years to be fulfilled. By now Satan is permanently out of the picture, when they see all the glory around them, they will have no trouble making the right decision.

20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

These people in the last resurrection are also resurrected to physical life. They will have to qualify for eternal life before they are allowed to enter into the gates where the tree of life is as explained in Rev.22:12 "... behold, I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. 22:14 Blessed [are] they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

All others will experience the second death, permanent, total non-existence. This ends the six ages of humanity as we know mankind, and as set forth in the bible showing the history of mans journey into eternal death or eternal life. During the next, and seventh age, mankind, along with God and The Lamb, will enter into the glorious rest from all their works. It will be an ageless life open to speculation until The Eternal extends greater knowledge to His new spirit family.

## 7. The Seventh Age

A new heaven and a new earth and beyond.

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By this time every human being has been given the opportunity to either reject or accept Jeshua as the Messiah, King of kings and Lord of lords. All who have been chosen will have been given the seed of life, the holy spirit, and will be given the opportunity to enter in through the gates of the great heavenly city.

We can speculate that if there are seven ages and the last age corresponds to the weekly Sabbath of rest, then the next day (after the Sabbath.) is again a work day. Then, accordingly, the cycle of ages would begin another age of creation. These firstborns of the first creation week, or ages, will, after the "rest" begin all over again to continue the growth of the God family. It also seems reasonable to think, that at this point, every human that started in the first age, beginning with Adam, will either have been permanently destroyed, or will be given opportunity to eat of the trees of life, making death obsolete.

The seventh age can be described best by the following scriptures.

Rev. 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God [is] with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, [and be] their God. 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 21:5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and

brimstone: which is the second death. 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. 21:10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 21:11 Having the glory of God: and her light [was] like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; 21:12 And had a wall great and high, [and] had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are [the names] of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: 21:13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. 21:14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 21:15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. 21:16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. 21:17 And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred [and] forty [and] four cubits, [according to] the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. 21:18 And the building of the wall of it was [of] jasper: and the city [was] pure gold, like unto clear glass. 21:19 And the foundations of the wall of the city [were] garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation [was] jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; 21:20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. 21:21 And the twelve gates [were] twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city [was] pure gold, as it were transparent glass. 21:22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb [is] the light thereof. 21:24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. 21:25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. 21:26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither [whatsoever] worketh abomination, or [maketh] a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. 22:1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, [was there] the tree of life, which bare twelve [manner of] fruits, [and] yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree [were] for the healing of the nations. 22:3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: 22:4 And they shall see his face; and his name [shall

be] in their foreheads. 22:5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. 22:6 And he said unto me, These sayings [are] faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. 22:7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed [is] he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. 22:14 Blessed [are] they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. 22:16 I Yahshua have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, [and] the bright and morning star. 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Some of these verses hint that there are still some form of human life somewhere in the universe, still populating, growing, and being taught about their Savior, his commandments, and his (now our) kingdom. Is the process to be continued into future ages? Will the above scripture eventually apply to other ages, just as they did to the ones we read about? I, personally, think so!

For lack of space, this study does not include all the scriptural verses that pertains to the different ages, only enough to give a panorama view of the ages. Neither is there an extensive study on all the scriptures that shows when " .....and his rest shall be glorious", (Is.11:10) Paul refers to a "rest" in Heb.3:18, and chp. 4:. It is clear there are many other avenues of study, that can be incorporated into this study, that will allow the picture puzzle of the ages to be seen much more clearly.

We would like to think that every human being throughout history will eventually be converted and enter into the family of God. God says that's his desire, as well. On the other hand, there are scriptures we have to deal with such as: Rev.20:6, which shows there is a second death, and v.15, which indicates some very well may not have their names written in the Book of Life.

Isaiah gives us a conclusion to this study:

Isa. 9:7 Of the increase of [his] government and peace [there shall be] no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

And there shall be no end to His kingdom!!!!

THROUGHOUT THE AGES!  
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