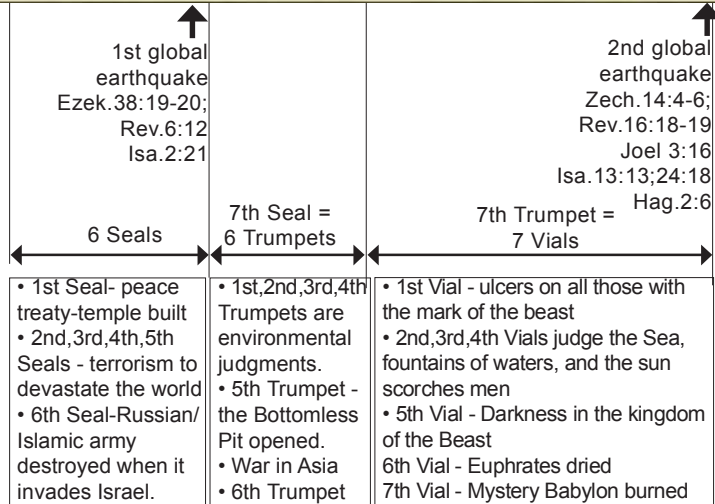
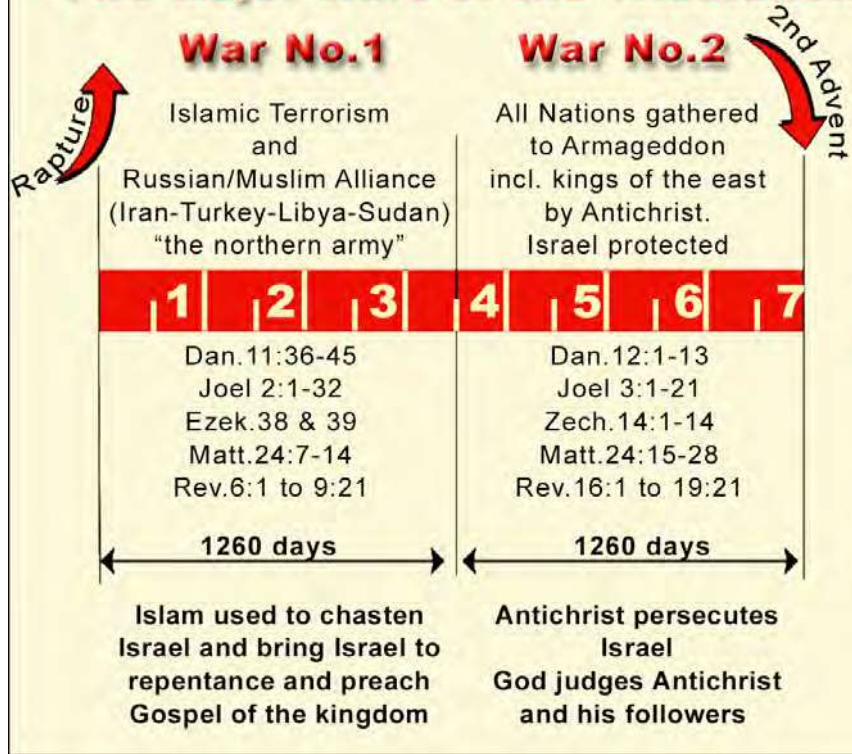


Two Major Wars of the Tribulation



Wars and Earthquakes in the Tribulation

The Tribulation occupies only seven years and the seven years divides into two periods of three and a half years. During the first half of the Tribulation Antichrist is a **political leader** over the revived Roman Empire and as such makes a covenant with Israel immediately after the Rapture. After the bottomless pit is opened at the end of the first half of the Tribulation and Satan is cast out of heaven to the earth, the Antichrist will become possessed by a demon from the bottomless pit. Thus it will be said of him that he "shall ascend out of the bottomless pit" (Rev.17:8).

During the **first half** of the Tribulation the rider on the red horse (2nd Seal) is given power to "take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another" (Rev.6:4). This is no doubt **terrorism** that will so disrupt the world that famine and death will dominate one fourth of the world (Rev.6:5-8) and persecution of all who turn to Christ will cause many to be martyred (Rev. 6:9-11). **The sixth Seal** judgment (Rev.6:12-17) describes a global earthquake; the first of two **global** earthquakes during the Tribulation.

The first global earthquake occurs when Israel is invaded in the first half of the Tribulation by a Russian/ Islamic army as described in Ezek. 38:18-20 and Rev.6:12-17. **This is not Armageddon.** A second and even greater earthquake occurs at the end of the second half of the Tribulation as the Lord returns in glory (Rev.16:18; Zech.14:1-5).

The first half of the Tribulation will see 144,000 Jews turn to Christ and preach the Gospel of the Kingdom and at the Russian invasion, the **one third of the nation** that survives will seek the Lord (Zech.13:9).

It will be the conversion of Israel nationally, that causes Antichrist to break his covenant and occupy the Temple causing the "sacrifice and oblation to cease" (Dan.9:27).

When Israel turns to the Lord, Russia and her Islamic allies will be destroyed; Russia (the land of Magog) will be burned (Ezek.39:6) and at the end of the first half, Antichrist as the Beast, and his false Prophet will deceive the world with miracles and seek to utterly destroy the godly nation of Israel and all who heed the Gospel they preached.

The Beast will gather "all nations" (Rev.16:12-14; Joel 3:2) to Jerusalem to totally destroy God's people but the "Lord will be the hope of His people, and the strength of the children of Israel" (Joel 3:16).

It is at this point in history that the second global earthquake will occur; islands will disappear, mountains will be flattened, the great city, Rome, will be split into three parts and hail the size of a talent (100 pounds) will cause the devil-worshipping people to blaspheme God. In Israel, the Mount of Olives will split to form a great valley and Christ will come rescue His people and destroy the Beast with all who follow him.

Apostate Christendom - "Mystery Babylon" to be Judged

The *Times of the Gentiles* is the period of time in which Gentiles have occupied Jerusalem. It began in 606BC when the Babylonians began to take Jews as captives to Babylon and continued through the time of the Persian Empire (538-332BC), and the Grecian Empire (332-63BC). It has since been occupied by Romans, Arabs, Turks, and the British. The old Roman Empire has continued in various forms: Imperial, Byzantine, the Holy Roman Empire, and since WWII, is being revived under the banner of the European Union (EU). According to Daniel 9:25 Antichrist will arise from the revived Roman Empire, the **last kingdom** in the *Times of the Gentiles* (Luke 21:24) since it was his people who destroyed Jerusalem in AD70. Antichrist will be destroyed when Christ returns.



EU Parliament, Strasbourg

Antichrist is described as a "little horn" among "ten horns" (kings) that will lead the revived Roman Empire in the last days (Daniel 7:8,23-26). He is also described as the "beast" having seven heads and ten horns (kings) in the Book of Revelation (Rev.13:1-2; 17:3).

In Revelation 17, the Beast is seen ridden by a harlot woman whose name is "Mystery Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the earth" (Rev.17:5). The woman clearly is located at Rome for she **sits on seven mountains** and in AD96, John said she was "that great city that reigneth over the kings of the earth" (Rev.17:18). Rome is known as the city of seven hills.



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Other clues as to her identity are:

- 1) She sits on "many waters" (international v.15).
- 2) She has a golden cup full of blasphemy and abominations (idolatry).
- 3) She is clothed in purple and scarlet with great riches; "gold and precious stones and pearls."
- 4) She is drunk with the "blood of the martyrs of Jesus" (Rev.17:6).

Only the Papacy can match these clues: she is located at Rome, she has the golden cup of the mass in her hand full of idolatry, for she claims to worship Christ's body and blood in the wafer and cup; her cardinals are clothed in purple and scarlet, and the Vatican wealth is too vast to estimate. Through the centuries,

millions of Bible-believing Christians were slaughtered, burned, and tortured in Crusades and inquisitions. Through her secular arm, the Holy Roman Empire and Catholic kings, she warred against any who refused to bow to her. Now, behind the scenes, she is guiding the formation of the Revived

Roman Empire which was founded by the 1958 **Treaty of Rome**. The **Lisbon Treaty** (2009) was signed at a Catholic Monastery in Portugal. Germany's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) is a Catholic political party.



It is appropriate that her name is "Mystery Babylon." Satan was the spirit-being behind the king of ancient Babylon which is where idolatry began (Isa.13) and when Babylon's temples were destroyed he moved behind the king of Tyre (Ezek.28); when Tyre was destroyed Satan headquartered at Pergamos in Asia (Rev.2:13). Now the Pope wears the pagan high priestly title, *Pontifex Maximus*. In the last days, the Beast at the head of the Revived Roman Empire, will be possessed by Satan setting up his image in the rebuilt Temple at Jerusalem and throughout the world. The Pope is not the Antichrist but the Papacy will bring him to power. *Time* magazine Dec.9 1991 depicted the EU as a beast ridden by a harlot woman.

When the EU built its \$400-million Parliament House at Strasbourg the architect was required to design **an unfinished tower like the tower of Babel!** The image of a woman riding a beast occurs on coins in Europe and is on the cover of a Penguin book about the EU. The imagery arises from the myth of *Europa*, the daughter of the King of Tyre, who was courted by Zeus the father of the Greek gods. She refused, so he turned himself into a white bull and when she rode him, he leaped into the Mediterranean and swam with her on his back to Crete where he turned back into a man and married her. Antichrist will burn the Papacy when he comes to power (Rev.18). He will have no further use for her when he sits in the Temple at Jerusalem claiming to be God (2Thess.2:4).



The Eternal State - The New Heaven and New Earth

At the end of the 1,000-year reign of Christ on earth Satan will be loosed from the Bottomless Pit and go forth to test the nations who have lived under Christ's rule during the Kingdom age. Many who have not known regeneration by the Holy Spirit will be deceived and they will rebel against Christ. Gog and Magog (Russia) will lead an army against Jerusalem but God will destroy them with fire from heaven and Satan will be forever cast into the lake of fire (Rev.20:7-10).

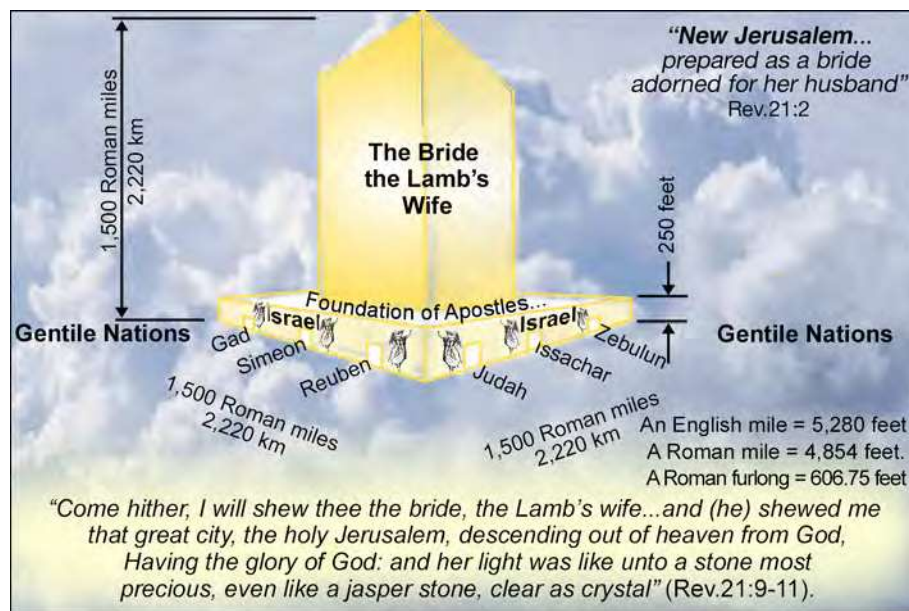
After the 1,000-year reign of Christ on earth, the **unsaved** "dead small and great" from all Ages will be raised from the graves (the body) and hades (the soul) to stand before the "great white throne" where they will be judged according to their works.

No **saved person** will ever stand before the "great white throne" because their sin has already been judged in the person of Jesus Christ when He died on the cross.

Two books are opened; the **Book of Life** and the **Book of Works** (Rev.20:11-15). The name of **every living person was written in the Book of Life** before the "foundation of the world" and only those who reject God's mercy have their names blotted out. To the Church at Sardis Christ said: "He that overcometh (the saved), the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life" (Rev.3:5). The **Book of Works** will be opened to determine the degree of punishment the unsaved receive in the lake of fire.

Hades is the **Remand Centre** for the souls of the unsaved until they appear before the Judge to receive sentence. The Father has "given him (Christ) authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man" (John 5:27). "Death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was **not found written** in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." (Rev.20:14).

The earth will then be renovated by fire. Peter wrote of "the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for



new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (2Peter 3:12-13).

John also spoke of a "new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea" (Rev.21:1).

The new heavens (atmospheric heavens) and earth will be inhabited by the resurrected redeemed of all ages and the "throne of God and of the Lamb" (Christ) will be located on the new earth (Rev.22:3). John wrote:

"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 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." (Rev.21:2-4).

The New Jerusalem is the "Father's house" of many mansions presently being prepared by the Lord Jesus (John 14:2). When John saw the city descend it appeared "as a bride adorned for her husband" (Rev.21:2). An angel said, "Come hither, I will shew thee **the bride**, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God" (Rev.21:9-10).

The New Jerusalem will be the eternal abode of the Church, the bride of Christ; it is built upon the foundation of the apostles for their names are in the precious stones that make up its foundations (Rev.21:14; Eph.2:20).

The redeemed from Israel will surround the city whose wall is "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**" (Rev.21:12).

The redeemed from Gentile nations since the time of Adam will occupy the new earth. "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 honor into it" (Rev.21:24).