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### Daily Bible Notes/Highlights Genesis through Revelation 2014

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### Revelation

Note, moving through this book, we view it from John's perspective, and apply Biblical knowledge that he would possess. Thereafter, if there is any clarity as the book unfolds we state the clarity as it occurred to John though we have prior knowledge from reading and studying the book on numerous occasions. We do discuss some speculation, but keep it to a minimum. This places the reader in John's seat and attempts to represent the comfort, peace and assurance it gave him and, particularly those persecuted during his day.

C1-3

C1 Vss 1-20.

In third person it's a revelation sent to John. There's a blessing for the ones who read, listen, obey, the time is near...

The immediate audience is the seven Churches in Asia. Jesus has made us a Kingdom of priest for his Father. Then a preview like a movie trailer is provided.

Look! He comes. Everyone sees him. Even those who pierced Him. It moves to first

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person. He's exiled as it is a period of extraordinary persecution. His condition is that he was worshipping in the Spirit.

This is his personal worship before The Lord. How often has this writer heard the voice of The Lord during personal worship time? This tells how important it is for personal worship. What is John desiring before The Lord as an exile? Is he trying to make sense of what's happening to believers? Is he trying to make sense of his own circumstances? Is there any questions in his heart to see all that is happening when The Lord is suppose to be returning imminently?

Whatever it is, here comes the order to write what you see. Send it to the seven churches. So, John while he is exiled does have the ability to send documentation.

He turns to see seven gold lamps stands and The Lord in the midst with seven stars. He falls on his face and the Lord's words, don't fear (1-18). The Lord explains the stars are the angels and lamps tends the seven churches. Note they are all bearers of light.

C2 Vss 1-29. So, John writes to the angel. It's is clear why there are persons who see these angels as the leaders of these churches. It more likely represents the fact that there are angels assigned to every ministry operation. Jesus said as much using the metaphor of children. Angels watch over them ( ). John called his followers children ( ).

Each of the issues in the churches are conditions affecting ministries. Ephesus - They examine closely and don't tolerate evil. But they don't love as they once did! Smyrna - they suffer with poverty and they are persecuted in a major way, but they are rich in faith (implied). Pergamum - They live in the heart of Satan's operation. Believers are martyred but they have remained faithful, but they tolerate corrupt teachers. Thyatira-their love, faith, service is unparalleled, but they have a false female prophet. She 'a not false because of her gender. It's the immorality the she is encouraging among other problems.

This is a warning to every leader who attempts to maintain a place of influence while continuing to dabble in sexual immorality. Throughout this commentary we show how the leaders family is at stake ( ). The words here are I'm going to kill your children. They are to hold on until He returns.

C3 Vss 1-22 Sardis - they have a reputation of being alive, but they are dead as can be. Perhaps they did work in and around their community and they were well known. Maybe they had outstanding speakers and teachers. Perhaps they has a large following. They appeared to be successful to the casual observer, but their condition is revealed. They are dead. They need to return to the basics.

There are those who have not capitulated. They will be recognized. Philadelphia - they have little strength, but they obeyed. It's not clear whether it is small, or without resources, or deeply wounded by persecution. Nevertheless, they have persevered against whatever it is. Laodicea - the mediocre church. They are the cares of the world church. They have it all so they think. This is the church in the United States in this writer's view. Obviously there are exceptions. The faith has been reduced to the level of joining a club with casual

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observances.

It's a church about to be disciplined. See Hebrews 12. They are called upon to be diligent.

C4-6

C4 Vss 1-11 John continues, this time it is an overview from heaven. He's to come up to see. He sees an extraordinary thrown view. There's thrown with twenty-four elders (tribes and apostles?). There are four living beings (lion, ox, human face, sleek-eagle). They all had six wings and the words holy, holy, holy.

This appears to be a seen of everything important to the existence of humanity. They all bowed to the One on the throne.

C5 Vss 1-14 Then there was a scroll in the hand of the one on the throne. And the call goes out from a mighty angel who can open the scroll. That is, who can take it from the hand of the One on the throne? There was no one as John viewed it. He began crying extremely so. As he viewed it, clearly life is within the scroll. The hope of all eternity was within the scroll. One of the elders comforts John. The Lion of Judah.

Recall one of the beast before the throne was a lion. Then a slain-Lamb appears standing before the beings. The Lamb steps forward and takes the scroll and the elders fall down before the Lamb. It becomes a coronation with them singing worthy is the Lamb. The one who has given His life and ransomed every people.

Then the host of heaven thousands and millions sing worthy is the lamb. Now all of creation is joined together men, animals and angels. Everything in heaven on earth under earth.

C6 Vss 1-17. John continues, the first seal on the Scroll is broken. These can be seen as tabs with each tab delineating an administration of events.

Seal 1- A white horse with a bow and crown - he rides out to battle and wins many victories.

Seal 2 - a red horse and the rider with the ability to disturb peace.

Seal 3 - a black horse with scales in his hands. The cost of essentials would be astronomical.

Seal 4 - a pale green horse whose rider is death and companion the grave. They are given authority to kill one fourth of the earth.

Seal 5 under the altar the souls of the martyrs. They cried how long before you judge those responsible?

This seems to affirm what had to be troubling John during his worship (See the questions possibly confronting John.. 1: ). They were to wait, others were to be martyred. Here, it seems clear that another period of major persecutions is in store for the people of faith. There are those who believe this will be Jews who come to the knowledge of Christ after the rapture. It's a convenient conclusion that nicely excludes Gentile believers from

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persecution. This writer only maintains what The Lord had said. Believers need to be ready. And we must not view ourselves as immune to persecution similar to First Century believers.

Seal - 6 a cataclysmic and violent event unfolds worldwide as terrible as anything to ever occur. Whole some tell about nuclear events, it is clear this is caused or definitely controlled by the one on the thrown. The great day of His wrath has appeared.

Chapter 7 John from the heaven perspective sees four angels on the the corners of the earth. They held back the wings.

Seal of the Living God - this deal is to be in the heads of His servants. This is representatives were passed over by the death angel in Exodus (. ). There was 144,000 from the tribes of Isrsel. But again John sees another number too great to count. They were people of every tongue and nation. They were clothed in white. It is an unimaginable seen with all of creation men and angels before the throne. Somehow it is a venue that allows this enormous number in front and around the throne.

Concerning the ones clothed in white to great to count, they died in the great tribulation. This certainly appears to be additional evidence that a extraordinary number of believers will experience some aspect of the Great Tribulation. This further means that whole God is in control of every event upon the earth, Biblical history reveals He does allow His own to suffer at the hands of men. We always remember that our faith central figure is our Savior on a cross.

They washed their battle attire (robes) in the blood of the lamb. Unlike angels they stand in front of the throne. They never again will face the horrors they faced.

C8 Vss 1-13. There was God's seal, but it was not to be confused with the seventh seal. Seventh seal- it's broken. The seven angels (church-messengers), they are given trumpets. Another angel stirs a mixture of prayers and incense. This is reflective of the Old Testament offering system. This becomes a sweet smelling aroma to God. Then the mixture is throne on the earth. Then the seven angels go to work as it were.

First angel - blows his trumpet and one third of the earth is set on fire.

2 angel - a mountain of fire thrown into the sea. One- third becomes blood. Brings in the sea and ships (1/3) destroyed.

3 angel - Bitterness! A star falls and burns a third of streams and rivers. People died from drinking the water.

4 angel - a third of the sun, moon, stars stricken...

Here another picture of the eagle being reappears. It cries terror to all who belong to this world when the lady three angels blow their horns.

C9 Vss 1-21 John continues

5th Angel - another star falls with the key to the bottomless pit. Devouring locusts appear out of the smoke with the predatory nature of scorpions. However the target is not

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vegetation. It is people, those without the seal of God. They we're to be tortured for six months. It's an experience where death is viewed as a relief. This army of locust has a king. He's the angel from the bottom less pit.

This demonstrates again how angels are represented administratively over human agency. This king appears to be the same who opened the pit.

6th Angel - a voice says release the four angels bound at the Euphrates. These four angels were loosed to kill one third of the people on the earth. John heard the size of the army (2 million).

John sees the riders. They wore armor fiery red, blue and yellow. Fire, smoke, sulphur billowed from their mouths. Translating this to what we know today, the weaponry today is harnesses all three fire, smoke, and burning that did not end. Again, a third of the earth's people are consumed. However, human obstinance is on display. They do not turn to God. They continue to worship demons and live wickedly in every way. We see an opportunity to repent.

C10-12

C10 Vss 1-11 Another angel appears with a small scroll. The activity of the seven thunders was not to be recorded (The voice tells John). The angel stands on the sea and land.

He's told there will be no more delay. He takes the small scroll and eats it as told to do. But it turned sour in his stomach.

Delay is an excellent topic to consider. While it is not possible to know exactly what has been delayed, it can be speculated endlessly. However, there's no question that believers expected the imminent return. This could be easily construed that the imminent return has been delayed as well as other possibilities. Nevertheless, things will move rapidly when the point is reached where there will be no delay.

C11 Vss 1-19. John is instructed to measure the temple of God. This is ironic because if this means the temple in Jerusalem the dimensions are well known. Then a reference to destruction of the holy city for forty two months or a period of three and one-half years is recorded.

The two prophets emerge who will proclaim for almost the whole 1260 nearly 3.5 years. The two prophets have a special place before The Lord and they are protected. They consume their enemies with what appears to be the power of their words. However, literally it could be some rule of weapon. They have extraordinary ability with the elements because The Lord has given them this capability (1-6).

The beast from the bottomless pit will declare war against them and kill them. Their bodies lie in the street. Notice Jerusalem is stated by name where it is not mentioned previously, but also called Sodom and Egypt. The two obvious reference indicate a place of arrogance and sexual immoral conduct (Sodom), and a place e of many God's (Egypt).

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As with the end of chapter 10 the reference to all peoples will share at their bodies for 3.5 days. Their death is celebrated by those who are not believers (of the world). God calls them up as their enemies watch. An earth quake destroy 1/10 of the city. Seven thousand die ending the second terror (1-14).

Seventh Angel blew his trumpet. The elder fall down and worship. They call in the name of The Lord. They announce the time of God's wrath. The nations have had their time. There is an agenda for the Lord's activities: 1. Judge the dead. 2. Reward for the servants and holy people. This denoted that all of the Lord's people are not classified as servants. The majority of his people love Him. But the majority are not called to be servants in the sense of leading, teaching, defending the faith, and similar duties. 3. Destroy those who caused destruction in the earth. This could mean anyone, but it particularly means Satan and his authorities (angels of darkness, demons).

C12 Vss 1-18. John records what he calls an event with major significance. This does not mean that the other events were less significant, but this event particularly related what he was just told. It was time to destroy all who caused destruction on the earth. These events occur in heaven. The word heaven is different from heavens. Heaven is the place or dimension where God abides. There is a pregnant woman with the sun and moon anasthesia her feet. She was pregnant and in pain. Clearly this indicates some agency over the whole cosmos was about to give forth something. He also sees a large red dragon with an asymmetrical head arrangement. Their are seven heads, but ten horns, and seven crowns. His tail sweeps away one third of the stars in the sky and throws them to earth.

He's ready to devour the woman as soon as she gives forth her baby. She births a son who would rule with a rod all nations. The son is snatched from the dragon and caught up to God. There can be no question who the son is. And now we have a better perspective of the agent which stood clothed with sun and moon beneath her feet. This writer's view this has to be humanity, or human creation. We know the sun is the source of the earth's energy or power and the moon plays a significant part in the earths essential currents and order. The som was caught up to God. The devil desired to consume Jesus. That is to take His life, but He defeated death. She fled for 1260 days like the prophets who prophesied. This is another 3.5 year period.

We cannot be sure of when this occurs, but there is war in heaven. During Jesus' earthly ministry, He witnessed Satan being cast down ( ). This is an incredible irony, or it is the same event John recorded where the dragons tail throws a third of the stars form to earth. It is this writer's perspective that Satan continued to guide his authorities for heaven. Ultimately he too is cast down with all his angels. If it were not clear where 1/3 of the stars of the sky were thrown down to earth ( ), now it is clear. By the way, the term his (possessive) angels does not merely mean they follow him. It could also mean he was allowed to make them along with things on the earth. Remember, his merchandise made him proud and contributed to him being cast down ( ) This is why they have an inherent allegiance to him. The next chapter will give more credence to the possibility that at one time Satan was given "make" ability (not to be confused with create ability).

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Satan is called the accuser. Recall he has access with Job. Access is different from abiding in heaven. Apparently his access allowed him to accuse Job. But he cannot abide there any longer. And to defeat the devil on the earth the word is that God had to abide among men ( . ).

As a result of him being in the earth, they defeat him by the blood of the lamb, but they did not fear death. These are marvelous words to John who in this writer's view pondered and wondered given all the death and oppression believers were suffering. Again it is reemphasizes they have defeated Satan by the blood of the Lamb and their testimony. What is their testimony? They did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die. No believer has to fear death ever. Death is defeated. And they did not shrink from dying because of Jesus.

It is one thing to die a believer. It is a whole step up to die because I'm a believer.

If John had any doubt or concerns as he witnessed so many dying, the picture is becoming increasingly clear. The saints of God are winning through death in the same way that Jesus conquered death and the grave. These people who are dying because of their love for Christ are cross-champions. Satan cannot sin against this level of faith. Therefore his time is short.

He's doing all that he can on the earth because his time is short. He attempts to capture the woman who birth the child but she was given protection. While we earlier referred to this woman as humanity, others might say this is Israel among other possibilities.

She's protected for a period of time. Days or years are not given but time periods. He tried drowning her but the earth swallowed the water or whatever represents water. He directs war toward the rest of her children—all who keep God's commandments. And maintain their testimony for Jesus. This rules out that this woman is the Jews. It's not the Church since it did not exist until after the birth of the Son. Again while all of humanity do not belong to God, this appears most likely. Perhaps it could be the lineage of David, or those who died in the faith.

C13-15

C13 John views a base riding from the sea. It has the same characteristics as the dragon with seven heads, ten horns, and seven crowns. It further had additional characteristics. Leopard looking, feet-bear, mouth of a dragon. The dragon gave the beast his own power. So the dragon bequeaths to the beast its power as the Father gives to the son. Or grants life to the beast. One of seven heads had a mortal wound. It healed. The world marveled and gave allegiance to the beast. Is this a world ruler? Is it an economy or system? When does it happen? How long is it before the recovery?

They worshipped the dragon who had given the beast so much power. The beast was allowed to speak blasphemies against God. And did whatever desired for forty-two months. So far we have at least three 42 ninth related events. The beast wages war against God's people, and was given authority to rule.

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Again as with the church, those who are believers will be martyred and imprisoned. God's people must endure persecution. Note in the Revelation there is no mention of believers being caught up (1-10).

Another beast comes up who also who requires the people to worship the first beast with the wounded head. He ordered the people to make a statute of the first beast. He then gave life to the statute. Then it commanded anyone not worshipping it would die.

Here's the additional evidence of the "make" ability and even "give" life ability possessed by Satan. It is returned, if it were ever taken. This is further evidence that his (own) angels were being in the angelic order that he "made." There's no evidence that any other being can "create" from no matter. But humans and angels can "make" from existing material.

Now this beast requires a code are marking to exist in commerce buying or selling.

C14 Vss 1-20. John sees the Lamb standing on the mount with 144,000 with His name and the Father's name written on their foreheads.

The great choir has to be humanity as they are in front of the throne. This great choir is the countless number it appears (see. ). Only the 144,000 could learn it. The angels who were around the throne also don't seem to be designed to sing the song. There's a old gospel song with the lyric, I have a song that the angels cannot see. The 144,000 are pure as virgins and follow the Lamb? Who is the 144,000? The 144,000. Does this indicate the Jews? Possibly. There are some this is there position. As with so much in the book there is great speculation. John did not say, and the blessing of reading the book is in specific determination (1-5).

There are three angels who make an appearance: Angel 1- Proclaims the Good News to all. This seems to indicate if it is reasonable to assume after or during the Anti-Christ period the Gospel is being proclaimed. Angel 2 - Announces Babylon has fallen. Babylon is figurative for ancient Babylon. But it also means the center of operations for the dragon and his company. This is made clear by what people were doing. They were involved in immorality. Angel 3-Finally. The word to all who have willingly given themselves is that they will be recipients of God's wrath. Their torment will be forever.

However, God's people specifically are informed they must endure persecution. Blessed are those who die in The Lord. This also could be construed as blessed are those who die because of their faith in The Lord. Since everyone is blessed who die in The Lord, parenthetically we could add, (exceedingly) blessed.

Contextually, all three of the Angelic Events happen at a time after the Anti-Christ's administration is in power. 1- God's word is proclaimed. It is likely that there are people on the earth who take up the mantle and continue to proclaim. There are many who think it is the Jews after the perusia (rapture, Thessa... ). But there are believers or some kind of operatives spreading the Gospel. 2-The wrath of God begins at the center of the immorality. This could be a geographical location. But also the core of the dragon's

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enterprise, or also a demographic such as the elder ship of evil. 3-While the demise and eternal torment of those who follow this evil is assured believers are encouraged to withstand persecution (6-13).

John continues, someone like the Son of Man appears and another angel (4th). The harvest is announced. Now harvest up to John's recording is always synonymous with people who know The Lord or who potentially know The Lord. Jesus said the harvest is great, but laborers are few (. ). The earth was harvested by the one who looked like the Son of Man.

This is one of the few events in Revelation that appears to be Paul's perusia (rapture). If it can be taken chronologically, persecution has already begun. Therefore those who claim a mid-tribulation (or amidst believer tribulation) rapture have their support. Is it possible that believers are harvested before this period of tribulation begins as some suggest. Contextually, it is not likely. They have been told to prepare for persecution. By the way, Revelation seems to argue against or clarify the imminent return. It is imminent in that when these events are initiated it all happens so rapidly, and it is not clear when these event will begin. Believers are to be ready!

This also seems to be obvious with the delay indicated previously (Revelation. ). Once His people are removed from the earth, God's wrath begins. As Paul shares, God's people are not appointed to His wrath (. ). No believer can claim that what Paul means is they are not called to any wrath or man's wrath. This book encourages believers through the persecution they must face including death (. ).

Nevertheless, there is a bloodletting like never seen upon the earth of those who follow the beast.

C15-17

C15 Vss 1-8 John views another seven angels. These would wrap-up God's wrath. There is this extraordinary event of those who overcame the dragon's company. They stood above and sang Moses' and the Lambs victory song. Now, citing Moses here is what some may use to indicate the Jews who come to know Jesus are the ones who overcome during this period.

John records another scene. The seven angels (almost certainly the same ones who represented the seven churches), were issued a plague each from on if the four living beings (lion, ox, face, eagle in flight). They are prepared to administrate the wrath of God.

C16- Vss 1-21 The angels begin the campaign of wrath.

Angel 1 - malignant sores (the skin or body)

Angel 2- the sea is corrupted and all living matter died (a food source is taken).

Angel 3 - the streams become blood. The water angel proclaimed the just judgments of God. The essential source of life is corrupted, water.

Angel 4 - the sun looses calibration and scorched the earth. Those upon the earth curse a God knowing He control all the relents and therefore the plagues. This demonstrates that

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the most devout atheist and unbeliever, believe! They further follow Satan who says there is no God while they vow to follow no one. They will die confessing that they don't believe.

Angel 5 - Darkness is upon the throne of the beast. So dark even light of any kind could not stop the darkness. The beast represents darkness in the souls of humanity and upon angels, but even he cannot produce the darkness that God produces, yet no one repents.

This referencing to repentance appears to indicate that all of this wrath, yet provided an opportunity to repent. But it also demonstrates that when hearts and minds are determined to rebel against God there is no motivation that can turn the heart and mind.

Angel 6 - the Euphrates dried up do the Kings of the east could March to the west. This makes it clear that whole these wraths are poured out they are not completely debilitating.

The dragon also responds dispatching evil spirits who assemble the governing authorities upon the earth for battle.

There is an interjection of The Lord coming quickly! All of this is a puzzle that has to be taken as is.

Angel 7 Unfolds complete calamity upon the earth through the air. The whole earth is destabilized. It is finished! These are the words from the throne. When The Lord says it is finished, it's finished.

C17 Vss 1-18 Now, John is shown the great prostitute. We could say much about prostitute here. But it truly is not necessary. It could be the Catholic Church as some suggest, or any other church organization. But it also could simply represent the center operative turning humanity against God. Remember all of creation owes its allegiance to God therefore the great prostitute could be Satan himself, this appears most likely contextually.

Recall, it is a woman who stands on the sea and land (Revelation. ). There could be any of a number of representatives for that woman. We propose that it is humanity or all nature involving humanity.

Here again a woman is indicated (prostitute) at the center, but this is a different woman sitting on the scarlet beast with all if the same characteristics of the dragon and beast. She has all the vileness of the beasts and was drunk on the blood of the believers. Now the angel gives what appears to be a retrospective look and explanation for what John has seen in the vision:

- 1- the beast has been subdued and thrown into the bottomless put he'll arise again to eternal destruction
- 2-The people in the world (at the time) will be amazed by his reappearance.
- 3- The seven heads represents a location where the woman has complete dominance, and seven governing authorities. Five have already fallen at the time period unfolded before The events in John's chronology. In other words , though this seems to be an overview, there was another event to unfold.

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The king or Caesar during John's life time would be the sixth. The seventh is in John's future.

Now, this makes it appear that many if these events have already happened in the life time of believers today. Easily we (today) could play the what if game. Has God already harvested many believers? Has there already been despots who have perished with visions of world dominance whether an event empires or lessons like Adolph Hitler. Persons could make a case that much of this has occurred. However, this author cautions against any such conclusion. Throughout history their have been parallels. These are events that happen that have incredible similarity. What they do is indicate how greatly possible this prophecy is. This is more likely and reliable in this writer's view.

4 - the seventh and eighth kings from will be brief and both destroyed. The ten horns represent kings in the future (beyond John's) time in earth. This defeats any notion that anyone has that many of the events in Revelation occurred. These all seem to govern simultaneously with the beast who had been destroyed.

5 - Then greater clarity, the water where the prostitute ruled is the masses of people. The scarlet beast devours the prostitute. She's no longer needed. Then we discover who this woman is. It is revealed to John. The great city that rules over the kings of the world.

C18-20

C18 Vss 1-24 Another angel with great brightness arrives as a John records and announces that Babylon has fallen. Since this was a announced previously, here we can expect greater detail on what Babylon has fallen means. God's people are not to take part in her sins. It appears that the woman and Babylon are the same, though it could be argued differently. Kings are astonished and terrified and all commerce is halted (1-19).

Meanwhile heaven rejoices the believers are vindicated. Babylon is to never rise again.

C19 Vss 1-21. Great praises are shouted in heaven. There is the sense that all of God's host prope and angels ate in heaven at this time, but they have the ability to witness all that is happening on earth. His judgments true...smoke from the city ascends...the elders now and worship... From the throne the words: Praise our God. Then more praises - Our God reigns...John seeing this falls to worship the angel who prohibits him (1-10).

ItThen John sees the white horse revealed earlier ( ). Riding the horse is Faithful and True. He had authority with many crowns. His robe dipped In blood, his title or like a position was a Word of God. He slays the nations. It's clear it is the King of a Kings!!!

The beast and all the kings gather against Him and his army. There are no details about the event. The battle is do swift and conclusive as to make it a non-issue in the recording. The beast and false prophet are thrown into the lake of fire.

C20 Vss 1-15 John's recording continues. Now the Lord's camp sings becomes direct and personal to Satan himself as he is chained by an angel. Notice he does not get a

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confrontation with Jesus. An angel handles him. His humiliation continues. Then John sees thrones of those who will judge during the period (this and years). It the ones killed during Satan's conquest. They judge with Jesus. They come back to life ( human life), and they reign with him for a thousand years. This is the exceedingly blessed promise they received (Rev. ). This is the first resurrection. Now it could be argued that his is not all believers, but those who died for Christ during the resurrection. We'll see if John is given more clarity. It's stated they reign for a thousand years with Him.

John is further informed that Satan is loosed. And again he deceives the nations and assembles an army never seen before called Gog and Magog (. ). They surround God's people. This is why there are those seeing this as the Jews. This would mean, these persons persecuted are principally Jews, and they are principally in one location, Israel. Again, this is mere speculation. Nevertheless, this time there is no confrontation. Satan's whole campaign is destroyed from heaven by fire. Then finally Satan too is cast into the lake of fire.

Then with the unholy trinity defeated what many call the Great a White Throne judgment. Everyone is in the scene who was not in the Book of Life. They were vomited from the earth in whatever state they died no doubt. All judged according to their deeds (evil record, even their good was vile before God ). All including death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. Even hell itself is not the final place of the vile and disobedient.

C21-22

C21 Vss 1-27 John records the new heaven and earth. The old heaven and earth are gone. Jerusalem comes down like a cringe and the proclamation God's home is among the people. No more crying or dying.

It has to be assumed that even those who make it through the mil lineal period were already changed, no longer in the human bodies at this point per se. John said we don't know what we shall be, but that we shall be like Him when He appears (. ).

Look! Im making everything new. Now, this statement has incredible implications on the account in Genesis as does other characterizations of the new heaven and earth. This is only one Biblical indicator in a mountain of evidence that what we have beginning in Genesis 1:2 does not have the same proclamation of newness. It's so obvious to this writer as shown in An Angelicentric History. ), that holding a position that what we have in Genesis beginning with 1:2 is all creation including angels and to deny some cataclysmic event creating darkness when God's physical representation is all consuming light is to defy the whole Biblical record.

John is told the clear distinction between God's people and the lost. The find looks of the lost is the lake of fire. They are identified by their works.

John is shown the city dimensionally. There are twelve gates with the twelve tribes written on them.

C22 Vss 1-

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John is told the clear distinction between God's people and the lost. The final place of the lost is the lake of fire. They are identified by their works (evil and immoral). 1-

John is shown the city dimensionally. There are twelve gates with the twelve tribes Israel written on them. The twelve foundation stones had the apostles written on them. Both the gates and stones become a memorial if the word can be used appropriately to all believers humanity. More specifically they are a memorial to God's salvation through humanity, and humanity is to never forget for eternity. This writer stated this lightly knowing that forgetting does not exist. However, this is what the memorials of Scripture like the Ark of the Covenant, altars, or stones in the Jordan were designed to do. There is also the matter of free will. It appears to exist in the new heaven and earth, but the only will apparent is to worship God.

There's also the matter of the half tribes exceeding twelve and the Apostle Paul who would be the thirteenth Apostle. I would side with the names of the original twelve. Also, concerning the Apostles, they chose a person to replace Judas ( ). Clearly he was faithful. But I cannot imagine that Paul, who was selected by Jesus a Himself would not be one of those foundational stones. And it is not out of possibility that gates and stones could have all the names on all the gates and foundation stones. It does say twelve so we cannot assume there were more or less, but we'll see when we get there.

Marvelous gem stones adorned the walls, gates and city. And there is no temple. There is no temple and no need the the sun or moon. Here's more evidence that Genesis 1:2 could not be an uninterrupted continuation of Genesis 1:1. This was addressed above ( ). There is a whole study on this topic alone.

The matter of nations and kings are clearly not done away with, but we cannot conclude on nations and kingdoms with error, vice, greed, and failure we associate with them today. Kingdoms and nations does means segmentation without partiality or discrimination. However there is the matter of rewards. There will be rewards. And it will be clear why to

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everyone. There will be those who have persevered greatly in service. There will be those who simply entered. They 'll be just as joyful as those who are well decorated. But they will not be as decorated.

Perhaps it is decoration as kings that distinguish those who served greatly. Makes sense given that Jesus is eternally the King of kings and Lord of Lords. Someone may cry for political correctness and say what about women. Will they be queens. Based on Jesus' explanation of humanity in heaven's dimension, everyone is as angels at least in the sense of gender (. ). No woman will complain of being made a king.

The matter of nations bring their glory to the city is indicated again, and this makes it a certainty that their will be kind of kingdom, nation enterprise in glory.

C22 Vss 1-21 John views living waters flowing from the throne of the God and of the Lamb. Notice it is a singular place. There is not two seats though there are two designations God and of the Lamb. There were a tree of life in each side nesting twelve crops of fruit. A fresh crop her monthly.

The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations. This is a point of confusion and controversy. Is there some kind of sickness possible? Isn't death, sickness and the grave all defeated? It's a period where there is no curse. There is no night or day as shared earlier.

Then more controversy. The angel share that this record is about events that will come soon. Two thousand years have passed. This seems to be either untrue or something is awry (1-6). This writer will return to these two topics.

John returns to the beginning of this apocalyptic experience (revealing). Then the angel commands that he not seal the book. The book is to be a reader and not a hidden mystery. Let all who are doing whatever (harm, vile, righteous, holy), continue. This appears to be a statement that all if humanity can carry in with business as usual, but a day is coming. The rewarder will reward according to deeds. This could mean both good and evil.

There will be two place and characterizations: The ones who have been washed are permitted to enter. Outside the are the dogs living a lie.

Clearly this is the objective and point of the whole Revelation and humanity. The angel simplifies all of it for any reader. Notwithstanding all that is in the Revelation, insider or outsider is the question for everyone's eternity.

No one is to add a thing to the book. This does not mean that it cannot be translated nor can there can be no commentary and meaningful discussion. However the substance and content must not be tampered

Concerning the healing for the nations, this may be more symbolic than anything else. Contextually there is no curse but there are plenty of memorials. Concerning the I'm coming quickly, the revelation mentions a delay in the face of the I come quickly promise (. ). But there is no controversy when we consider that with God a day is like a thousand

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years and visa versa (.).

.And yet we can see, He cannot be far away. Glory and Amen

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