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I. SEQUENTIAL EVENTS OF THE 1ST HALF OF THE TRIBULATION

- A. Antichrist makes a firm covenant with many Israelites for seven years (Dan 9:27)
- B. 1st Seal: Many false Christs including the Antichrist (Matt 24:5) bring about global peace without military force (Rev 6:1-2)
- C. The world will be saying “peace and safety!” (1 Thess 5:3)
- D. Restrainer removed (2 Thess 2:6-7)
- E. Antichrist revealed (2 Thess 2:8)
- F. Day of the Lord begins (2 Thess 2:2-3)
- G. 2nd Seal: Global warfare will break out (Matt 24:6-7a) replacing peace. The false Christs will struggle for world dominion and great bloodshed will result (Rev 6:3-4)
- H. 3rd Seal: Global economic failure and famine will begin (Matt 24:7b; Rev 6:5-6)
- I. 4th Seal: 1/4th of the world’s population will die due to warfare, famine, disease, and wild beasts (Luke 21:11; Rev 6:7-8)
- J. 5th Seal: Tribulation martyrs appear in heaven having been killed under first four seals and they cry out for vengeance (Rev 6:9-11).
- K. 6th Seal: A great shaking will affect both the heavens and earth causing a global blackout, meteor shower, splitting of the sky and movement of every mountain and island. The earthdwellers will attempt to hide from the wrath of the Lamb (Rev 6:12-17)
- L. 144,000 Jewish men, 12,000 from each listed tribe, will be given the seal of the living God upon their foreheads to protect them from the trumpet judgments (Rev 7:1-8) so they can be missionaries to the whole world
- M. A great multitude of Tribulation martyrs are seen in heaven having come away from the earth before the great tribulation begins (Rev 7:9-14)

- N. 7th Seal: Seven angels with seven trumpets prepare to sound (Rev 8:1-2, 6)

II. GENERAL EVENTS OF THE 1ST HALF OF THE TRIBULATION

- A. Israel will enjoy peace and military protection under the Antichrist (Dan 9:27)
- B. Israel will rebuild the Temple and offer sacrifices (Dan 9:27; 2 Thess 2:4; Rev 11:1-2)
- C. While Israel is “living securely” in her land (Ezek 38:8, 11, 14) the king of the north and the king of the south (Dan 11:40) will attack the Antichrist and seek to plunder Israel. This is often known as the Battle of Gog and Magog (Ezek 38-39) and will probably take place during the 4th-6th Seal (compare Ezek 38:18-23 with Rev 6:12-17)
- D. God will cause the soldiers of these armies to fight against one another (Ezek 38:18-39:5) and He will send fire upon their homelands (Ezek 39:6-8)
- E. This is the period of Antichrist’s human career and the first phase of the final world kingdom sometimes called Revived Rome. “*he is one of the seven*” (Rev 17:11).

III. EVENTS OF THE MIDDLE OF THE TRIBULATION

- A. Satan and his angels war with Michael and his angels in heaven (Rev 12:7-8)
- B. Satan and his angels lose the war and Satan is cast to earth where he persecutes Israel (Rev 12:9, 12-16)
- C. Antichrist will receive a death wound by way of the sword possibly at the end of the Battle of Gog and Magog (13:3, 14; 17:8).
- D. Satan will counterfeit Christ’s resurrection by healing the Antichrist’s death wound (Rev 13:4, 12) so that he lives (Rev 13:14)
- E. Antichrist will quickly rise to world dictatorship (Dan 7:24; 8:23)
- F. This is the period of Antichrist’s supernatural career and the second phase of the final world kingdom sometimes called Revived Rome. “*he is also an eighth*” (Rev 17:11b).
- G. Antichrist will enter the land of Israel (Dan 11:41), go into the Tribulation Temple, abolish sacrifice (Dan 12:11) and break his covenant with Israel (Dan 9:27).

- H. Israel will be persecuted by the Antichrist for 1,260 days (Dan 7:21, 25; 8:24; 12:7; Zech 13:8-9; Rev 11:7; 13:7, 10, 15)
- I. The false prophet will tell the earth-dwellers to make an image to the Antichrist which they will set up in the Tribulation Temple (Rev 13:14). This image or statue is the abomination of desolation (Dan 9:27; 12:11; Matt 24:15)
- J. When the believing remnant of Israel sees the abomination of desolation they will flee to the mountains (Matt 24:15-22). Most likely to the naturally fortified city of Petra in Edom, near Bozrah (cf Isa 34:6; 63:1-6; Jer 49:13, 22; Amos 1:12)
- K. Two witnesses will be given authority to prophesy in Jerusalem for 1,260 days (Rev 11:3, 8)

IV. SEQUENTIAL EVENTS OF THE 2ND HALF OF THE TRIBULATION (THE GREAT TRIBULATION, THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE)

- A. 1st Trumpet: Volcanic fireballs will fall to the earth and burn 1/3 of the land, 1/3 of the trees and all of the green grass (Rev 8:7)
- B. 2nd Trumpet: Something like a burning mountain will be thrown into the sea and 1/3 of the sea will become blood and all the sea life in that 1/3 will die and all the ships in that 1/3 will be destroyed (Rev 8:8-9)
- C. 3rd Trumpet: A great meteor called Wormwood will fall on a third of the fresh waters turning them bitter and many men died from the waters (Rev 8:10-11)
- D. 4th Trumpet: 1/3 of the sun and 1/3 of the moon will be darkened so that day will be shorter and the night will be longer (Rev 8:12)
- E. 5th Trumpet (1st Woe!): demonic locusts will be released from the abyss to torment those without the seal of God upon their foreheads with scorpion stings for five months under dark conditions (Rev 9:1-12)
- F. 6th Trumpet (2nd Woe!): Four angels are released from the great Euphrates and transform into an army of 200 million who kill 1/3 of mankind with fire, smoke, and brimstone (Rev 9:13-19)
- G. An angel will fly around the globe and preach the gospel to every nation and tribe and tongue and people (Rev 14:6-7). Everyone must hear the gospel before the second coming but not everyone must hear the gospel before the rapture of the Church
- H. An angel will fly around the globe and announce that Babylon will certainly fall because of her corrupting influence (Rev 14:8)

- I. An angel will fly around the globe and announce that everyone who takes the mark of the Antichrist will undergo the wrath of God and eternal torment (Rev 14:9-11)
- J. 7th Trumpet (3rd Woe!): When the seventh angel sounds (Rev 11:15) seven angels with seven bowls will come forth (Rev 15:1)
- K. 1st Bowl: A loathsome and malignant sore will break out on those who have the mark of the Antichrist (Rev 16:2)
- L. 2nd Bowl: All the seas will become congealed blood and every living thing in the sea will die (Rev 16:3)
- M. 3rd Bowl: All the fresh waters will become blood so that no drinking water will be available (Rev 16:4)
- N. 4th Bowl: The sun will intensify so it scorches men with fierce heat (Rev 16:8-9)
- O. 5th Bowl: The kingdom of the beast and his followers will be blacked out and will be accompanied by intense pain (Rev 16:10-11)
- P. 6th Bowl: The great Euphrates River will be dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the east to gather at Armageddon (Rev 16:12-16)
- Q. 7th Bowl: A great earthquake will split Jerusalem into three parts, all the cities of the nations will fall, every island will sink and every mountain will be leveled. Hailstones up to 130 pounds will crush men (Rev 16:17-21). The religious and economic city of Babylon will be destroyed in every respect (Rev 16:19; 17-18) and it will be a prison for demons during the Millennium (Rev 18:2)

V. GENERAL EVENTS OF THE 2ND HALF OF THE TRIBULATION

- A. The Antichrist will conquer many countries by rapid military warfare (Dan 11:41)
- B. After the Antichrist commits the abomination of desolation in the Temple he will head SW of Jerusalem to into Northern Africa to conquer Egypt, Libya, and Ethiopia. He will use the booty (gold, silver, etc...) to fuel his military campaign (Dan 11:42-43)
- C. He will not go to the regions SE of Jerusalem; Edom, Moab, and Ammon will be spared (Dan 11:41)
- D. The regions of Edom and Moab are where the believing Jewish remnant will most likely be living (cf Bozrah in Isa 34:6; 63:1-6; Jer 49:13, 22; Amos 1:12; Matt 24:15-20; Rev 12:14)

- E. Michael the archangel will be God's instrument in supernaturally nourishing the believing Jewish remnant in Petra near Bozrah (Dan 12:1; Rev 12:14). Much like the 40 years of wilderness wanderings in the OT
- F. While in North Africa the Antichrist will hear disturbing rumors from Jerusalem concerning a local rebellion by the Jews. Because he has to halt his military advancements he will become enraged and he will return to Jerusalem to destroy and annihilate many Jews (Dan 11:44)
- G. Antichrist will subdue Jerusalem and pitch his military tent on the Temple Mount (Dan 11:45)
- H. The Antichrist will kill 2/3 of the Jewish population in the land of Israel (Zech 13:8-9; 14:1-4)
- I. Many Jews will go forth seeking knowledge, trying to figure out what is happening. They will study Daniel and Revelation and commentaries that are left behind. As a result knowledge will increase (Dan 12:4)
- J. The false prophet will make the world worship the Antichrist (Rev 13:12)
- K. The false prophet will perform signs so great that they deceive the earth-dwellers and almost the elect (Rev 13:13-14; Matt 24:23-27)
- L. The false prophet will tell the earth-dwellers to make an image/statue to the beast (Rev 13:14). Similar to the statue of Nebuchadnezzar in Dan 3
- M. The false prophet will give breath to the image of the beast so it can speak and kill those who do not worship it (Rev 13:15)
- N. The false prophet will cause everyone to be given the mark of the Antichrist upon the right hand or upon the forehead (Rev 13:16). His name or the number of his name which are numerical equivalents: 666
- O. No one will be able to purchase good or sell goods unless they have the mark of the Antichrist (Rev 13:17)
- P. The 144,000 Jewish males who have the seal of God will faithfully proclaim the gospel to the world (Rev 7:4-8; 14:1)
- Q. By the end of the Tribulation they will all have been killed by the Antichrist (Dan 7:21, 25; 8:24; Rev 12:17; 13:7, 10, 15; 14:1-5)
- R. The two witnesses will proclaim the gospel and prophesy during times of persecution in Jerusalem (Rev 11:5-8). We do not know who they are. One may be Elijah because he must come before the great and terrible day of the Lord which is the day of the Second Coming (Mal 4:5)
- S. The two witnesses will be able to kill those who want to harm them, keep the sky from raining, turn water into blood and strike the earth with all kinds of plagues as often as they desire (Rev 11:5-6)
- T. The two witnesses will be killed by the Antichrist (Rev 11:7)

- U. The two witnesses will be resurrected and ascend to heaven after 3 ½ days (Rev 11:9-11)

VI. EVENTS ON THE DAY OF THE SECOND COMING (THE GREAT AND TERRIBLE DAY OF THE LORD, THE REVELATION)

- A. Heavenly hosts praise YHWH (Rev 19:1-6)
- B. Christ will be installed in the office of King (Dan 7:13-14; Rev 19:6)
- C. Christ will give the Church her wedding apparel and she will make herself ready (Rev 19:7-8)
- D. The surviving remnant of Israelites who have not yet believed in Jesus as the Messiah will believe and the nation will be born again (regenerated) in a single day (Isa 66:8; Ezek 36:24-27; Hos 6:1-3)
- E. The nation will call upon the name of the Lord for deliverance (Isa 53; Matt 23:39)
- F. The Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west creating a large valley so that half the mountain will move north and the other half south (Zech 14:4). This will create a way for the Jews in Jerusalem to flee to safety (Zech 14:5)
- G. Christ will mount a white cherub (Ps 18:10; Rev 19:11) in heaven clothed in His blood-dipped holy-war apparel (Rev 19:13), his soldiers (the Church) also sit on white cherubs (Rev 19:14)
- H. The Antichrist and his armies will be assembled (Rev 19:19) to make their final assault on Israel and to make their stand against God and His anointed (Ps 2)
- I. The sky will be completely blacked out (Zech 14:6; Matt 24:29)
- J. Sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky (Matt 24:30). The sign is probably the Shechinah Glory
- K. When the tribes of the earth see the sign they will mourn because they are not prepared with salvation (Matt 24:30)
- L. The Son of Man will come on the clouds of the sky to save all Israel (Matt 24:30; Rom 11:26)
- M. With lightning quick rapidity Christ will descend and slay the Antichrist and the false prophet (Dan 8:25; 11:45; 2 Thess 2:8; Rev 19:20)
- N. Christ will then kill the rest (Rev 19:21)
- O. The blood will be ~ 4 feet deep and stretch for 192 miles beginning in Edom, going north through the valley of Jehoshaphat and on up to the valley of Armageddon (Megiddo) (Isa 63:1-6; Joel 3:12-14; Rev 14:20)

- P. The Antichrist will be thrust down into Sheol, resurrected before the Millennium and cast into the lake of fire (Isa 14:9, 11, 15ff; Rev 17:8, 11; 19:20)
- Q. Jesus will stand victorious on the Mount of Olives (Zech 14:4)
- R. Angels will gather the elect of Israel from the whole world (Matt 24:31)

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