

A Historist View of Revelation

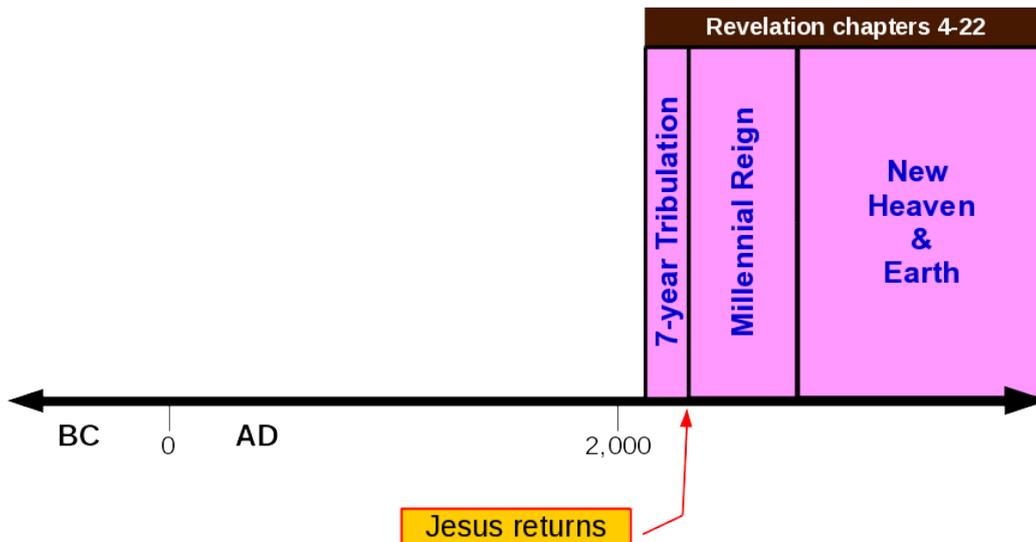
(Summary of "Victorious Eschatology"¹)

Background

There are 2 main interpretations of the visions in Revelation:

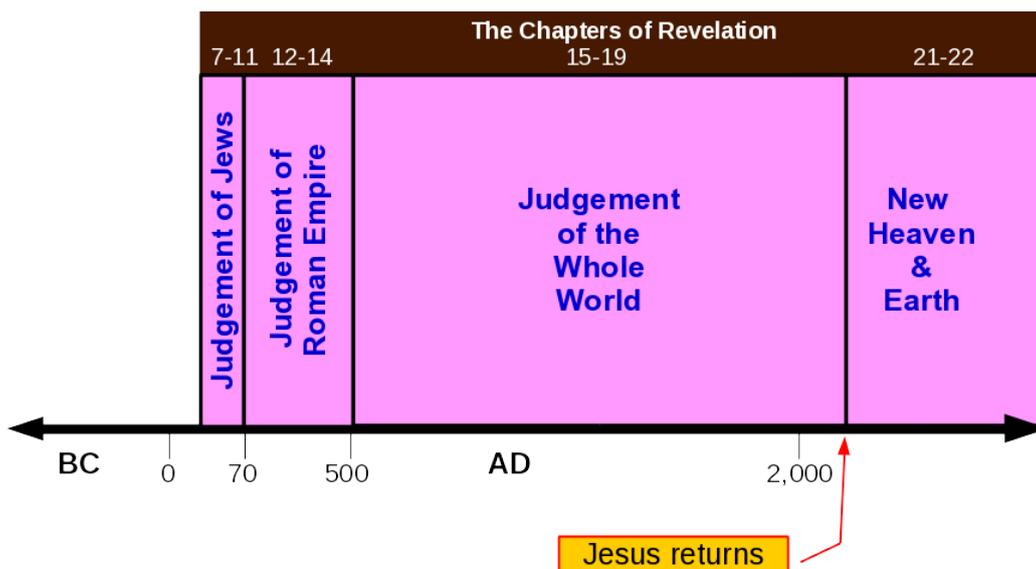
(i) Futurist²

Time Line of Revelation According to the Futurist View



(ii) Historist³

Time Line of Revelation According to the Historist View



1 – Harold Eberle & Martin Trench (2009) "Victorious Eschatology: A Partial Preterist View" Worldcast Publishing 2nd ed.

2 – Harold Eberle & Martin Trench (2009) "Victorious Eschatology: A Partial Preterist View" Worldcast Publishing 2nd ed. p:103

3 – "Victorious Eschatology" p:110

Revelation 2 & 3

- Statements written to existing churches in cities of Asia Minor in the 1st Century. The book was sent to these churches and distributed widely.
- Any correlation with the church ears in the past 2,000 years is not implied in this non-vision section of the document.

Revelation 4

- The start of the vision shown to John in Heaven.
- Jesus is revealed as the King, with suitable symbols of regency, deity and attendants.

Revelation 5

- There is a sealed book or scroll which could be what Daniel⁴ was told to seal up.
- The seals release judgements against nations and mankind. They are not punishments. They are kingly decrees to establish the King's will on Earth.
- Jesus, the Lamb, the Lion of the tribe of Judah is the King who is worthy to open the seals to release the judgements.

Revelation 6

- Four riders are revealed who will bring calamity to the peoples of the Earth.
- These are not released to ride the Earth. They are revealed as the King's warriors ready for ensuing spiritual battles, waiting for the call to action. They represent his power for battle.
- Martyred saints entreat the King to begin the battle against those who oppose him. They must wait a little longer.
- Catastrophic events are images representing the fall of governing authorities.
- The sun, moon and stars falling or darkening is an idiom for kings or governments diminishing or being removed. They are shaken by the King. (Compare with Judges 5:20, Ezekiel 32:7-8 & Matthew 24:29)
- Earthquakes represents the King's judgement against established authorities which are replaced with his authority. (Compare with Hebrews 12:26-28)
- The kings of the Earth are then represented as trembling and hiding from the King's intervention.
- This fulfils what Peter quoted in Acts⁵: “Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies a footstool for your feet”. The King is on his throne, and his enemies are now to be dealt with.



Revelation 7

- Judgement began first with the house of God⁶ (The Jews) as the spiritual principle goes. After that, he judges the world.⁷
- God's covenant with the Jews included the judgement and curse if they turned away from him to other gods.⁸ Covenants always have 2 participants and 2 opposite components which most believers

4 – Daniel 12:4

5 – Acts 2:34-35 (Psalm 110:1)

6 – Romans 2:9

7 – 1 Peter 4:17

8 – Deuteronomy 28

are ignorant of. This had already happened twice, in the 5th and 6th centuries BC.

- Jesus prophesied that the destruction of the Jews was just around the corner.⁹ It happened in 70AD and in 135AD.
- Paul wrote that the Jews had become the enemy of the Gospel¹⁰ and that only a remnant of them would be “saved”¹¹.
- Jesus said that he (“The Stone”) would crush and scatter all those who rejected him.¹²
- Before judgement on the Jews, 144,000 Israelites were sealed and kept safe from the destruction. These were there Jewish believers who all escaped before Jerusalem fell to the Romans in 70AD.
- This seal to the Jewish readers was identical to the blood on the door posts of the Israelites in Egypt which protected them from the angel of death.¹³ This was not a physical seal, but a parabolic statement that he knew his own.
- There may have been 144,000 believers saved from Jerusalem, but it is more likely that this a symbolic number. To the NT Jews, a thousand indicated something numerous, and 10,000 something very large.¹⁴ For example: (1) God doesn't own the cattle on 1,000 hills¹⁵ he owns all of them; (2) David didn't kill 10,000s compared to Saul's 1,000s¹⁶ it represented an extreme comparison.
- 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes can be symbolic too. The number 12 in gematria is 'divine fullness or perfection' and 'divine government'. This would most likely signify to the NT reader God has done a proper job in saving a right number of Jews, rather than a specific number of them.
- spiritual vision affecting natural realm – Elisha and the chariots of fire around the city. Enemies were struck with blindness. The spiritual pictures communicate what's going on in the natural realm. Just like dreams, they need interpreting.
- Symbolism: 7 lamp stands represent the 7 churches; 7 stars represent the 7 angels of the seven churches; Jesus is standing at the door and knocking in Laodicea; Jesus having the keys to death and hell¹⁷.
- Herod was struck by an angel in the spirit realm and he died and was eaten by worms.¹⁸

Revelation 8

- Silence in heaven – the quiet before the storm
- The book containing the decrees of God was about to be opened
- The blowing of the trumpet started the war
- The Jews are the first receivers of this destruction
- ‘Ge’ means land, not the whole Earth. This is the land of Israel.
- In the Septuagint the word is used of the Land of Israel that was settled– Numbers 32:17; 33:53, 55; Joshua 7:9; 9:24; Judges 1:32; 2 Samuel 5:6; 1 Chronicles 11:4; 22:18; Nehemiah 9:24;
- In the Septuagint the word is used of the Land of Israel that they were driven out of – Jeremiah 1:14; 10:18; Ezekiel 7:7; Hosea 4:1; Joel 1:2, 14
- These were figurative destructions (seen in the spirit, but manifested in the natural) which get sent

9 – Matthew 23³⁵⁻³⁸; Luke 21:20-24

10 – Romans 11:28

11 – Romans 11:5

12 – Matthew 21:44

13 – Exodus 12

14 – See Psalm 68:17 for an excellent example of this

15 – Psalm 50:10

16 – 1 Samuel 18:7

17 – Rev 1:18

18 – Acts 12:23

against Israel in the form of the Roman attack.

- Stars falling meant the spiritual authorities over the area and nations were being taken down from their place of authority. In the natural the rulers of Israel were removed in 70AD and finally in 135AD

Revelation 9

- The 5th trumpet represents the release of the Roman armies to attack The land of Israel.
- The locusts are figurative/symbolic as they were seen in a vision
- Locusts can be referred to in symbolism of destruction where it's not intended that they are real. It can represent an army swarm of soldiers attacking. (Joel 1:4)
- The 6th trumpet released General Titus to march with 4 legions located in the Euphrates region.
- 200 million (200 thousand thousand) cavalry would not stand up against a 21st Century army – don't take it literally.
- If you have to allegorise this cavalry, why are other points taken literally?
- Titus slaughtered 1/3 of the Jews, but they did not repent so the judgements continue.

Revelation 10

- John told to “seal up” what the angel had spoken
- John is told to eat the book of judgements¹⁹ just like Ezekiel.²⁰
- The judgements in both instances were bitter to the eater.
- John was told to tell the people the words of the prophecy²¹ like Ezekiel was told to²².

Revelation 11

- Judgement is specifically decreed against Jerusalem – called Sodom²³ and Egypt.
- John measures the existing temple before it is trodden underfoot by the gentiles²⁴ – not the temple in Heaven.
- The temple was still standing when this statement was made.
- The ultimate sacrifice has been made – there's no need for an earthly temple for sacrificing.
- Jerusalem was to be trodden down for 42 months – this is the time period of the war against Jerusalem (February 67AD to August 70AD)
- Two witnesses prophecy destruction for 3½ years (1,260 days) the entire length of the Jerusalem siege. Sackcloth is indicative of mourning and repentance.
- The 2 witnesses for Jews under the Mosaic law were the Law and the prophets.²⁵
- Shutting up the sky, turning water to blood, bringing plagues is reminiscent of Elijah and Moses. Any NT Jewish reader would see this immediately. These are judgements against evil.
- The 2 witnesses are called lamp stands and olive trees that stand in the Lord's presence. No lamp stands or olive trees are a permanent fixture in the throne room, so these must be symbolic. Lamp stands in the beginning of Revelation was the presence of the Lord. The Law and the Prophets brought God to the people.

19 – Revelation 10:10

20 – Ezekiel 3:1-3

21 – Revelation 10:11

22 – Ezekiel 3:4

23 – Israel associated with Sodom: Deuteronomy 32:32; Isaiah 1:9-10; Jeremiah 23:14; Ezekiel 16:48-49, 53

24 – It was left desolate (Matthew 23:38)

25 – Romans 3:21

- The Law and the prophets constantly warned the Jews that they were to be on the right side of God or face destruction.
- The ‘death’ of the law and the prophets occurred with the destruction of Jerusalem. The OC had now ceased. They were called back to Heaven because they were no longer needed for the NC.
- The gentiles would have rejoiced at their ‘death’ because the Jews (their Law and the prophets) witnessed that God was against them for thousands of years.
- The earthquake represented a demolition or transfer of authority. The authority of God on Earth was transferred from the Law and Prophets to the *ekklesia*.
- The Jerusalem (earthly) temple was replaced with a heavenly (spiritual) temple. Jesus was the high priest of the new order or Melchizedek.
- The lightning, thunder, hail and earthquake in Heaven wasn’t real. They were symbols of the transfer of authority and the heralding of the new order.
- With the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple system, there was great joy. The Kingdom was taken from the Jews and given to the King for his people. The kingdoms of the earth were now his and he began to reign in Heaven through his people, the saints.
- The gentiles were enraged at the commencement of the reign of the King.
- [The prophets and saints of the Jewish era and preceding times who had been waiting in “The Bosom of Abraham” were released to enter Heaven. The King began his crusade to take his Earth back from the destroyers]²⁶
- This ends the war as judgement against the Jews

Revelation 12

- Since Jesus sat on his throne in his never-ending Kingdom,²⁷ he has been actively subduing his enemies and establishing his complete reign over the Earth.
- Having taken the Kingdom from the Jews and given it to his followers, he now has to deal with the Romans.
- [The Romans who carried out his judgement must be punished as well. This happened to the Babylonians who destroyed Jerusalem (Judah) and took them into captivity.²⁸ This was carried out by Nebuchadnezzar, God’s servant.²⁹ Darius king of Persia took over Babylon³⁰ as prophesied by Daniel³¹.]³²
- [God also gave the Israelites into the hands of Assyria³³ for their unfaithfulness.³⁴ God then judged Assyria.³⁵]³⁶
- [Cyrus “the Great,” the pagan Persian king whom Isaiah prophesied by name two hundred years in advance (Isaiah 44:28), saying that he would conquer Babylon (that happened in 539 BC); the waters of the Euphrates would “dry up” to make way for the army; and the city’s gates would “not be shut,” and thereby, the Jews would be liberated and return to Jerusalem, where they would rebuild the temple—all of which happened just as the prophet foresaw many years in advance]³⁷

26 – [LDS]

27 – 1 Chronicles 17:11-12

28 – 2 Kings 24 & 25

29 – Jeremiah 25:9; 27:6, 8; Daniel 5:18

30 – Daniel 5:30

31 – Daniel 5:29

32 – [LDS]

33 – 2 Kings 17:5; 1 Chronicles 5:26

34 – Isaiah 7:17

35 – Isaiah 10

36 – [LDS]

37 – [LDS] skywatchtv.com/2017/08/10/saboteurs-part-3-divine-providence-big-question-god-behind-election-donald-trump-cyrus-deliverer-nebuchadnezzar-agent-judgment/

- Daniel’s prophecy (the King’s statue dream interpretation) shows that ‘the rock’ destroys weakened Rome.³⁸
- Rome was destroyed in 410AD and the empire fell in 476AD
- The male child is the Messiah.³⁹ He was here for a short time and was caught to his throne.⁴⁰
- The woman is God’s spirit working through all the ages from Eve onwards.
- The woman had other children⁴¹ which is the Spirit raising up the sons of God on the Kingdom.
- The great red dragon is the spirit behind the Roman empire, because Herod was acting as a regent of the Roman government.
- The 7 heads are the 7 Caesars and the 10 horns are the governors of the 10 regions of the Roman empire.
- The dragon is the devil.⁴²
- [Jesus, the ascended man was now King of all things and he had the title deed to Earth.]⁴³
- Now, “Salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come” – v:10
- War broke out when Jesus took the throne.
- The war between Michael and Satan is Jesus beginning to take control in the spirit realm first. It was the beginning of retaking the territory that was lost.
- Judgement is now on the world – v:31
- Satan now knows his time is short and is full of anger (v:12) – this may have been at the time when Roman emperors demanded worship in the time of Decius (249-251AD)
- The early emperors refused to be worshipped but later ones took on the tilt of Augustus (worthy to be worshipped) and had temples built for their worship.
- By the time of Emperor Decius (249-251AD), emperor worship was demanded of all races (but not Jews) throughout the empire. Every Roman citizen had to come to the Caesar’s Temple on a particular day every year and burn a pinch of incense to him. They also had to declare, “Caesar is Lord”.
- This is most likely the time Satan was cast out of Heaven, coming with great wrath.⁴⁴

Revelation 13

- The beast coming out of the sea of humanity with 10 horns and 7 heads is Rome.
- The dragon, the spirit behind the Roman empire, gave the beast rulership.
- The Beast is Nero. He was known as “the Beast” in his day.
- The beast’s fatal wound the healed was the time when Rome was almost destroyed and burned with fire in 64AD. Around Nero’s time, 4 emperors were killed, there were 3 civil wars and numerous wars broke out within the empire. Tacitus and Josephus describe it as almost ending the empire. Vespasian took over as emperor and re-established the solidarity of the empire.
- The beast made war on the saints for 42 months. Nero persecuted Christians for 42 months, from November 54AD to June 68AD.
- After the fire in Rome in 64AD, Nero had thousands of Christians crucified, sewn in the skins of

38 – Daniel 2:34

39 – Revelation 19:11-15

40 – Revelation 12:5

41 – Revelation 12:17

42 – Revelation 12:9

43 – LDS

44 – Wasn’t he cast out of Heaven centuries before this? [LDS]

wild animals and then eaten by wild dogs, tied to mad bulls and dragged to death, or dipped in tar and set on fire.

- Nero fits the ‘Beast’ who was given power by Satan to war against the saints for 42 months.
- Nero worship was from all the people of the ‘ge’ – ‘land’ (Israel or Roman empire) not the ‘earth’ (world).
- The Hebrew spelling of Nero Caesar was *Nrwn Qsr* (pronounced Neron Kesar). NT readers would have known that Nero was “666”. “666” was used as a covert name so that the persecuted Christians wouldn’t be further persecuted.
- There is no basis for equating the Anti-Christ with ‘666’ as he’s not mentioned in Revelation, only 1 John⁴⁵ and 2 John⁴⁶.
- It is hard to distinguish whether Anti-Christ is a person or a just spirit on the epistles of John. In the Greek it doesn’t have “the” in front of *antichristos*.⁴⁷
- The mark of God (i.e. the ‘seal of God’, and the ‘name of God’)⁴⁸ is written on the foreheads of his people⁴⁹.
- Logically speaking, if the mark of the Beast according to Futurists is something literal, then the mark of God should be also. We should be more focussed on receiving this mark.

Revelation 14

- The 144,000 people here are not Jews. They are believers from other nations⁵⁰ who faced torture and death during the great persecution as they had the name of Jesus and the name of Father written on their foreheads.
- There were two great first century persecutions – Nero’s (64-68AD) and Domitian’s (81-96AD).
- This martyr’s number of 144,000 we must take as representing a multitude.
- The harvesting angels are sent out taking the Gospel into all the Earth so the Gentile believers could come in.
- Babylon falls immediately after the harvesting angels are released.
- John is witnessing a vision in Heaven, so he is not see physical things, but spiritual images of earthly realities.
- Babylon is the spiritual pride of humanity that elevates human prowess above the knowledge of Almighty God. This is exemplified in the empires in Daniel’s prophetic dream of the statue.
- Jesus now harvests the souls of people following the release of the Gospel across the Earth.
- This occurred in 313AD when Emperor Constantine cancelled persecution, made Christianity legal and built cathedrals around the empire. Christianity flourished from then on. By the end of the 5th century the overwhelming majority of people in the Roman Empire claimed to be Christian.
- The harvest of souls began once the emperor submitted to the lordship of Christ.
- The same fall of Satan occurred when Jesus’ disciples took the Kingdom to Israel.⁵¹ It’s a spiritual expression of being overcome, not an observation of actually falling.
- Babylon fell because the pride of empires lost it’s foothold at this time.
- There are numerous other times in history that could be equated with the fall of Babylon spirit, but this instance aligns with revelation.

45 – 1 John 2:18, 22; 4:3

46 – 2 John 1:7

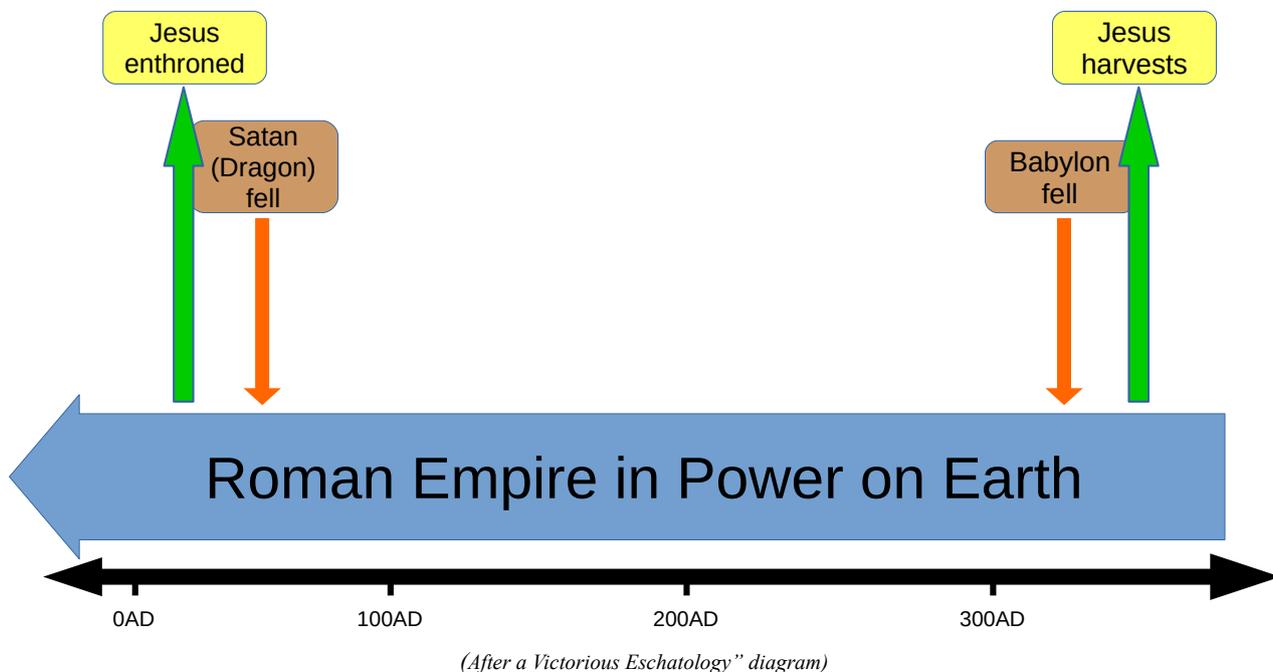
47 – LDS

48 – Revelation 7:2-8

49 – Revelation 3:12; 7:3; 14:1

50 – Rev. 14:4

51 – Luke 10:18



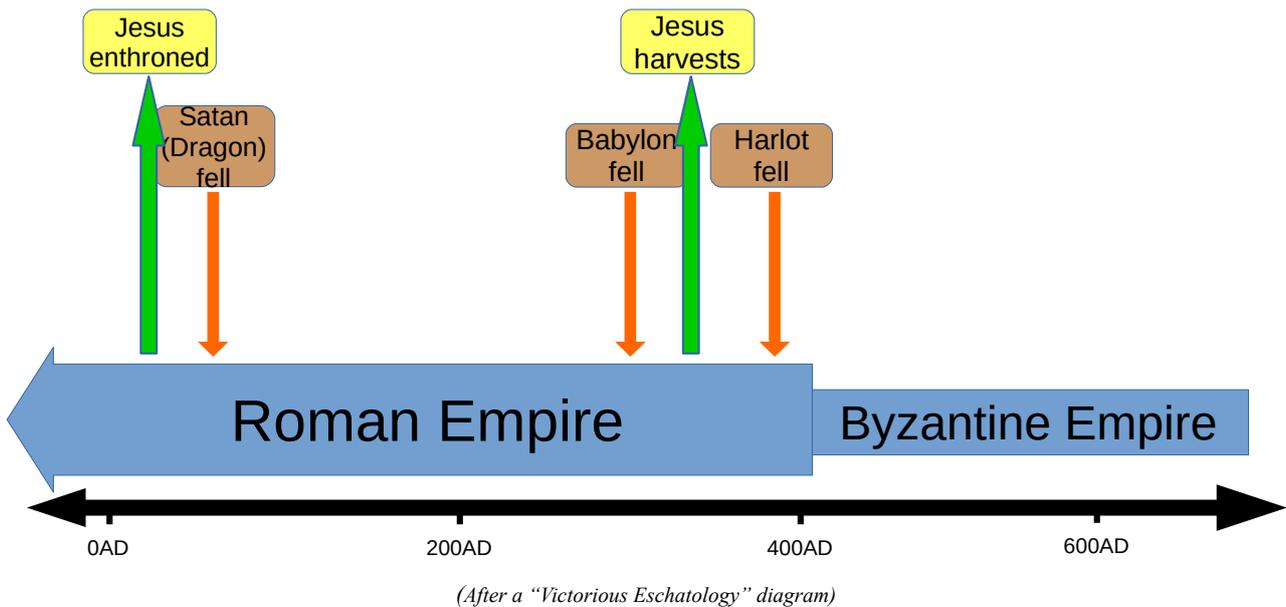
Aside (Revelation 17)

- The “Harlot” lures the hearts of men and kings commit indecent acts with her.
- She is responsible for the death of the saints and prophets.
- Could this be religion? It was for Jesus’ persecution.
- This is people’s ritualistic behaviour and worship of divine beings (demons) other than Almighty God.
- Religion has been used through the ages to control people with fear, shame, manipulation and domination.
- The charge against Christians during the Roman persecution was that they were atheists – they didn’t worship multiple gods.
- This spirit of religion was drunk with the blood of the saints.
- The Harlot sits on 7 hills. This is the seven hills of Rome, known as Septimontium (“The city of seven hills”).
- There are 7 kings (“7 heads”). These are the 7 Roman Caesars.
 - *5 have fallen – Julius, Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula & Claudius;
 - *One is – Nero;
 - *One is to come and must remain a little while – Galba.
- The Harlot is the great city of Rome which reigns over the kings of the Earth.
- **NOTE:** The Harlot could be Jerusalem (See Revelation 11:8)
- Revelation 17 & 18 outlines the diminishing influence of Babylon, the Harlot and the Beast. This is God’s judgement on the world system.
- When the Harlot fell, she lost her dominance and position of authority over the people of the Earth.
- Christianity was now the counteraction to the wholesale influence she had.
- She is still active, but not all encompassing. She is not able to deceive everyone any more.

- The angel swinging the sickle is removing evil, not harvesting – “wine press of the wrath of God”;

“Blood flows”.

- The harvesting infers that God will continue his judgements and none will escape.
- Blood up to a horse’s bridle is figurative only.
- All the blood from 6 billion people could not make a layer of blood that thick.
- Rome suffered defeat from northern invaders, then the Goths in 378AD, and finally the Visigoths in 410AD.
- The western empire collapsed in 476AD while the eastern part became the Byzantine empire. This lasted until 1453 when the Turks took Constantinople.
- This is what Daniel was shown – Rome crushed and the Kingdom expanding.⁵²



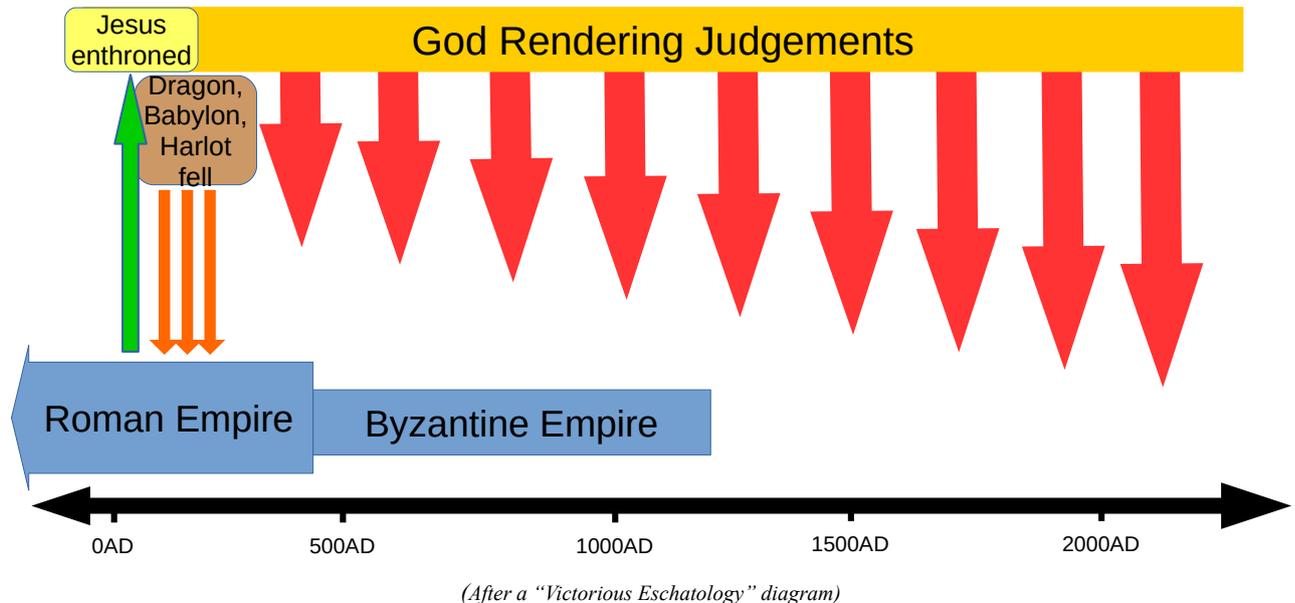
Revelation 15

- The Bowls of wrath can easily be seen as the complete defeat of Babylon and the Harlot.
- Even after Rome was destroyed there were many enemies that needed to be brought to submission to the King of Kings.⁵³
- When the bowls are all poured out, God’s judgement is finished.
- This judgement must be a continuing process because Jesus is revealed as king in chapter 19.
- The Jewish readers understood the 7 bowls to mean completion of judgement (i.e. the number ‘7’).
- The bowls are revealed in a spiritual vision of Heaven, so everything about it is spiritual.
- The judgements represent the expansion of the Kingdom as the works of darkness are undone over history in the spirit realm.
- We don’t know how the battles in the spirit realm impact the natural realm as the vision is spiritual (figurative).
- Demons have been losing their positions of influence since Jesus sat on his throne as King.
- The Pride of Babylon:
 - This still operates today, but at a lesser extent as men aren’t claiming to be god.
 - Pride even occurred in the Roman Catholic organisation for thousands of years.

52 – Daniel 2:40-44

53 – Psalm 110:1

- Pride was rampant in the spread of European empires of the 15th to 19th Centuries.
- Much oppression today is the corruption of government and financial systems.
- Oppressive slavery has declined as an accepted part of society.
- The Spirit of Religion:
 - This is still operating, but at a lesser extent due to the Kingdom being on Earth.
 - We are familiar with the influence of the Roman Catholic system due to the spirit of religion, how it dominated, controlled and destroyed.
 - The reformation reduced the power of this spirit, but it continued in the protestant organisations.



Revelation 16

- Armageddon: The final battle shown in John's vision.
- Points stated:
 - Demon spirits will be released to stir humanity to fight against God.
 - All the kings of the Earth will be involved.
 - It is timed just before the end – there's one more bowl of wrath to follow.
- Think of these kings as the spiritual rulers of the nations.
- These spiritual rulers are not being destroyed. They are made to bow so they no longer stand between God and people.
- The world will continue to have human governments, but they will not be allowed to interfere with a person's relationship with God.
- At that time, everyone will be responsible for themselves. They will not be able to blame a government for their spiritual failures.
- What is Armageddon? It's when every human must face God.
- Meggido was an ancient city where there were many great battles.
- Armageddon is therefore a simile for 'battleground' – just like: "D-Day", "Remember the Alamo", & "Meet your Waterloo".
- Armageddon is the battle every human faces in their personal lives – light v darkness, righteousness v unrighteousness, right v wrong, Kingdom of God v kingdom of Satan, etc.
- Ezekiel 38 & 39 are linked by Futurists to Armageddon, but they contain images foreign to modern

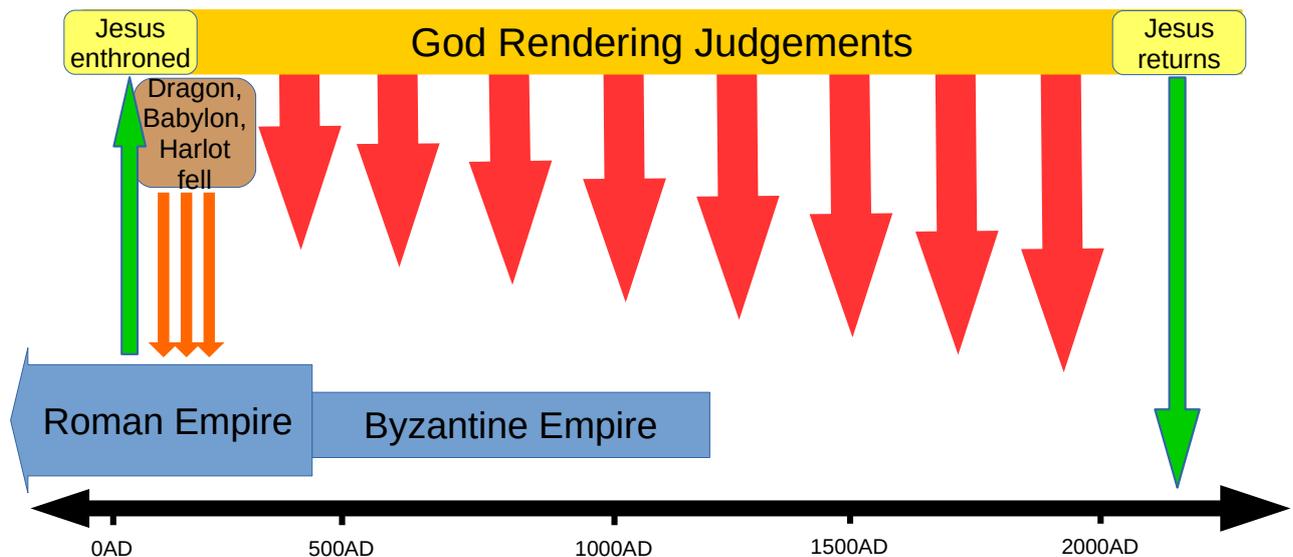
warfare.

- There's no justification in linking these wars to Armageddon:
 - The context shows the weapons aren't symbolic.
 - These wars were most likely fulfilled in 175BC-164BC with the Seleucids and Antiochus VI Epiphanes
 - Gog & Magog are not mentioned in Revelation until chapter 20⁵⁴.
 - All the kings fight against God, not just 2.
- Our Armageddon is in our minds, hearts, finances and society.
- We are in Armageddon every day.
- The enemy loses his power when we submit to Jesus.

Revelation 17 & 18

- When all the judgements are complete, all the demons will bow to Jesus – Îŝlâm, Mormonism, Roman Catholicism, Communism, etc., as well as the church system.
- Apostles and prophets will then be free on the Earth. They will walk in full authority and the Kingdom will be firmly established worldwide.
- The spirits of pride and religion will be defeated in the hearts of God's people.

Revelation 19



(After a "Victorious Eschatology" diagram)

- Jesus remains in heaven on his throne until the time of the restoration of all things.⁵⁵
- Only when all things are restored and all knees bow to Jesus will he return.
- The Kingdom must be the biggest entity in power when he returns.⁵⁶
- Evil will still be present in the world at that time.⁵⁷
- Jesus comes in judgement to remove all evil and things not of him.

54 – verse 8

55 – Acts 3:21

56 – Matthew 13:31-32

57 – Matthew 13:36-43

- There is a procession of victory, a parade of glory.⁵⁸
- Jesus is declared absolute King of the earth.⁵⁹

Revelation 20

- [This is where things vary depending on whether the person has a pre-millennial or post-millennial theology]
- (a) Post-millennial View
 - Chapter 20 is a recapitulation of the preceding chapters
 - The Millennial Reign is NOW. It started when Jesus was enthroned and it ends when he returns.
 - One thousand years is an image of a long time. It's not literal – e.g. “owns cattle on a thousand hill”, “Saul killed his thousands, David killed his ten thousands”, “One day is as a thousand years”.
 - It's a large number, possibly infinity.
- (b) Pre-millennial View
 - Chapter 20 follows on from the events of chapters 4-19
 - (i) Dispensational Pre-millennial View
 - This is the Futurist's view
 - Revelation 4-19 is the 7-year tribulation
 - Jesus comes at the end of the 7 years
 - The Millennial Reign follows
 - This is part of Dispensational Theology (Scofield)
 - (ii) Historic Pre-millennial View
 - Historic because many Christians in the past had this view
 - Jesus returns when he's ready
 - No tribulation
 - Millennial Reign is figurative – not 1,000 years long
- Partial Preterist + Historic Pre-millennial → an understanding of the vision in Daniel 2 that the Kingdom which is here now will fill the whole Earth.
- Historic Pre-millennial view of the Kingdom now:
 - Father is reigning now
 - Jesus will reign in the Millennial Reign – see Acts 2:34-35; Matthew 6:9-13; 1 Corinthians 15:25
 - Jesus is now at Father's right hand
 - Father is doing everything for his son
 - When all enemies have been subjugated, Jesus will return to reign on Earth with his Bride
 - Partial Preterist's have these beliefs
- Post-millennial view
 - Satan is bound in Chapter 20 so if we are in the Millennial Reign now then he's not totally bound – he can no longer deceive the nations (v:3)

58 – Revelation 19:11-14

59 – Revelation 19:15-16

- Jesus came and plundered the strong man's house (Matthew 12:28-29)
- This view gives us greater confidence to use our authority now
- The 1st resurrection (v:4) took place when Jesus rose from the dead. This occurs in each of us when we are born again – our new life in Christ.
- We are seated in heavenly places at that time and can rule and reign now while alive on Earth
- Satan is released so he can deceive the nations again. The Lord will then know who are his.
- Jesus then judges all in the Great White Throne Judgement
- Everyone is judged according to what's written about them.
- Those whose name is not in the Book of Life are thrown in the Lake of Fire.

Revelation 21

- It is unclear if the earth is obliterated or goes through a metamorphosis
 - The Earth is eternal – Ecclesiastes 1:4; Psalm 78:69: 104:5
 - Earth destroyed by fire (2 Peter 3:7, 10) as by water (2 Peter 3:6)
- Earth is our eternal dwelling place
- There will be no more crying, mourning or pain.
- The New Jerusalem is literal AND spiritual – it can be measured, but it is the Bride.
 - The church is described in terms of being like a building (Ephesians 2:19-22)
 - We are all building on our foundation, Jesus, with hay, straw, gold, silver and precious stones (1 Corinthians 3:11-12)
 - We will become pillars in the temple of God (Revelation 3:12)
- We will dwell with God forever and be able to see him

Revelation 22

- We will have things to do on the new Earth.

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