

The Revelation Chronologically Arranged

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There is a continual sequence from chapter 17 to 21:8 which has been seldom noticed. The harlot rides the beast during the first three and a half years and then is destroyed in the middle of the week. Heaven rejoices (18:20) and then again rejoices that the way is clear for the marriage of the Lamb (19:7). The Lord then, at the very end, comes out of heaven with His company on white horses and deals with the antichrist and the beast with his armies. He casts Satan into the pit for one thousand years, after which the martyrs are raised (20:3,4) to reign with the heavenly saints. After the thousand years Satan is loosed and rallies his hosts. They are consumed and he is cast into the lake of fire. The wicked dead are raised to be judged at the great white throne and cast into the lake of fire. The eternal scene of the new heaven and the new earth is briefly described, and this ends the consecutive order of these four-and-a-third chapters, 17 to 21:8.

Chapter 21:9 to 22:5 is a parenthetical enlargement describing the bride the Lamb's wife as the heavenly city having the glory of God. It is her administrative reign with Christ for one thousand years. Twelve is the perfect number of administration and is used here twelve times.

"Behold I come quickly" (3:11).

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"Behold I come quickly" (22:12).

"Behold I come quickly" (22:20).

"Come, Lord Jesus."