

# CHRIST BEGINS TO REIGN

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Christ stands on Zion immediately after the Great Tribulation (A) and from this time on, Christ is on earth and is in charge. His reign has begun. (1) Christ and the 144,000 redeemed from the earth, stand on Zion (2) and with Him the heavenly hosts and the Saints. (3) For the 144,000 to return with Christ redeemed from the earth they had to be taken to heaven at the time the Antichrist signed the covenant. The events from the time Christ stands on Zion until the Millennial Kingdom starts are contained within the Seventh Trumpet, the Third Woe and are shown in Figure 159. Daniel (4) gave us the exact number of days, 2300, between the abomination of desolation and "it is finished, (5) or Christ is Victorious. Daniel 8:14 in the various translations states:

**KJV** "... 2300 evenings and mornings till the Sanctuary be cleansed."

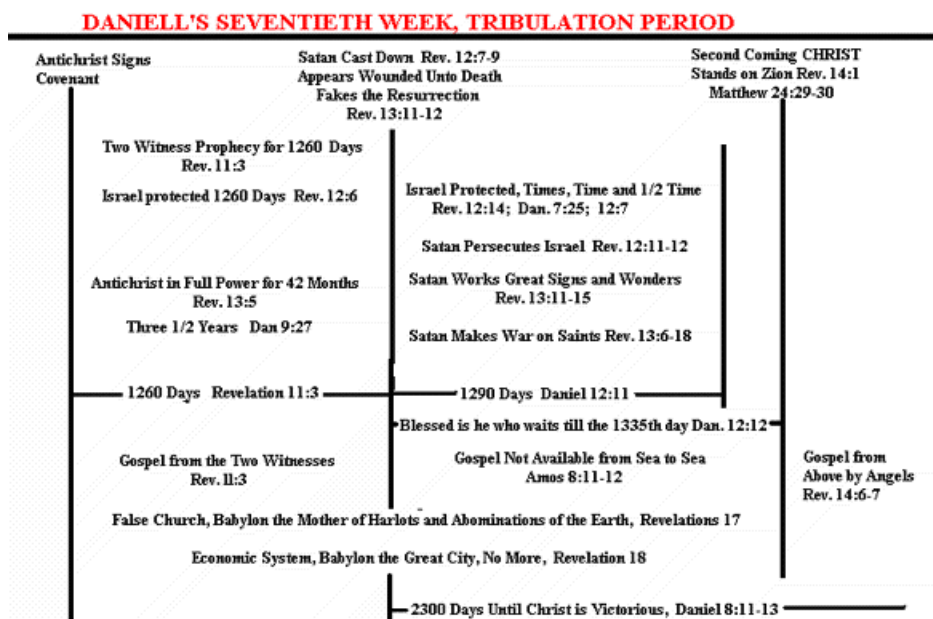
**NASB** "... for 2300 evenings and mornings then the holy place will be properly restored."

**NIV** "... for 2300 evenings and mornings then the sanctuary will be reconsecrated."

**RSV** "... And he said to him for 2300 evenings and mornings then the sanctuary shall be restored to its rightful state."

When they desecrated the sanctuary, Jewish law required that the Chief Priest of the land remove the cause of the desecration and then cleansed and reconsecrated the sanctuary, the Holy of Holies. This Scripture in Daniel has specific meaning to the Jews but essentially nothing to the Christians because our Sanctuary is Christ. However, in the Jewish Holy Scriptures this verse in Daniel reads: **How long shall be the vision concerning the continual burnt offering, and the transgression that causeth appalment, to give both the sanctuary and host to be trampled under foot? And he said unto me: ?unto two thousand and three hundred evenings and mornings; then shall the sanctuary be victorious.' Dan. 8:13-14.**

This statement has little meaning to modern Jews, because how can a sanctuary be victorious. But at the end times where this Scripture applies their sanctuary is Christ, the Messiah. Christ is victorious. This gives new meaning to this verse in Daniel for all the believers. It is 965 days from the time Christ stands on Zion until He is victorious. This allows 965 days for the events described in Revelation Chapters 14 through 16 to be completed. These events are contained in the seventh trumpet and begin with seven angels making announcements as shown in Figure 159.



An angel preaches the Gospel from above, but to whom? We know the Saints and those coming out of the Great Tribulation in the flesh are saved. The ones brought back to life are saved but also in the flesh. Then why do they need the Gospel? Those in the flesh will be having children and these children must accept Christ as did their parents. Isaiah (6) states that the longevity similar to the Patriarchs of Genesis will be returned to man. **No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old man who does not full out his days, for the child shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. Isa. 65:20 RSV.**

In Jewish culture a child is less than 14 years old, then if a child dies at a hundred years of age the projected age of an old man would be 800 to 900 years. This would make it possible that during the Millennial Kingdom the population of the earth could reach several billion. When the angel releases Satan from the bottomless pit, he will raise his army from this group of unsaved children from the Millennial Kingdom.

The Second angel announces that Babylon has fallen. This is the Babylon described in Chapters 17 and 18 of Revelation. In Chapter 17 the "great harlot" is the false church, the church of Satan. When the Rapture occurs, the believers are gone from the earth, but the "tares (7) are still on earth. The church has become the "herb, mustard tree" spoken of by Jesus, (8) the false church, and Satan is the head of the church. (9) The parable of the mustard seed tells us that the mustard seed, the least of all seeds, grows into the greatest among herbs and then becomes a tree, so that the fowls of the air come and live in the branches. Babylon derived its power from the nations that gave the Antichrist their

power. The parable of the sower (10) defines the fowls of the air as Satan's demons. This implies that the herb grows into a tree, which makes it a false herb, because no herb can become a tree naturally. The herb represents the true church and the tree, with its demons or tares, represents the false church. In **Ezekiel's war** we discussed the 10 horns or 10 nations among which the Little Horn, the Antichrist rose. (11) He defeated three of the ten, Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia, but the other seven gave him their power. (12) These seven nations were not involved in **Ezekiel's war** and were considered Catholic nations. The believers are gone, but the religious and administration framework of the Catholic Church is still in tact world wide. I believe this is the apostate organization, the Vatican and the Catholic Church, that the Antichrist uses to establish his "church." Remember the believers are gone only he secular institution and the tares are left. Jesus' parable of the mustard seed, (13) a herb that grows into a tree and harbors all the birds of the air, the messengers of Satan, (14) has been fulfilled. The reference to the city with seven hills (15) appears to be Rome from which the Pope, the Catholic church, did rule the Kings of the earth during the previous centuries.

An angel announcing that Babylon has fallen also refers to the Babylon of Chapter 18. In Chapter 17 Babylon was the false church in this chapter. She is the controlling economic system. There are not two separate Babylons, only one, but she controls both the religious system and the economic system during the great tribulation. (16) Babylon maintains the economic system of the world by buying and selling from the merchants of the world, (17) but they bring her down in one hour. (18) They have always taught me that Christ at His coming, puts down Satan at the end of the tribulation. However, the verses in Revelation 17, show that the people and the nations put down the harlot Babylon, not Christ.

**And he said to me, "The waters that you saw, where the harlot is seated, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues. And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the harlot; they will make her desolate and naked, and devour her flesh and burn her up with fire, for God has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by being of one mind and giving over their royal power to the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. And the woman that you saw is the great city which has dominion over the kings of the earth." Rev. 17:15-18. RSV.**

Daniel (19) told us that it was 1290 days from the abomination to the end of Satan's control, but another 45 days till Christ stood on Zion. It appears that the people on earth just break Satan's control at the end of the tribulation before Christ returns. Why? Because God put it in their hearts to carry out His purpose. (20)

**Rejoice over her, O heaven, O saints and apostles and prophets, for God has given judgment for you against her! Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "So shall Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence, and shall be found no more; Rev. 18:20-21. RSV**

If Christ had defeated Satan at the end of the Tribulation Daniel's statement of the 2300 days till the Messiah is victorious (21) would be in error. God has answered the pleas of the Tribulation Saints from under the throne. (22)

**When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne; They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before thou wilt judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell upon the earth?" Rev. 6:9-10 RSV.**

The Antichrist or Satan is involved in all the events in Chapters 17 and 18; therefore, these events and Babylon are during the tribulation period and are completed before Christ stands on Zion. The Third angel announces what will happen to those who have worshiped the beast or taken his mark, they are tormented forever. Those that come to Jesus during the tribulation have had to endure many hardships and they behead many for their belief. This is what is meant by **"the endurance of the Saints (23) and "those who endure to the end will be saved. (24)** The next angel says **"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."** NIV, meaning that those who are killed or dies knowing that Jesus is Christ and He died for their sins will be saved from eternal damnation.

The fourth, fifth and sixth angels are together because they are the angels that accomplish the final harvest. The

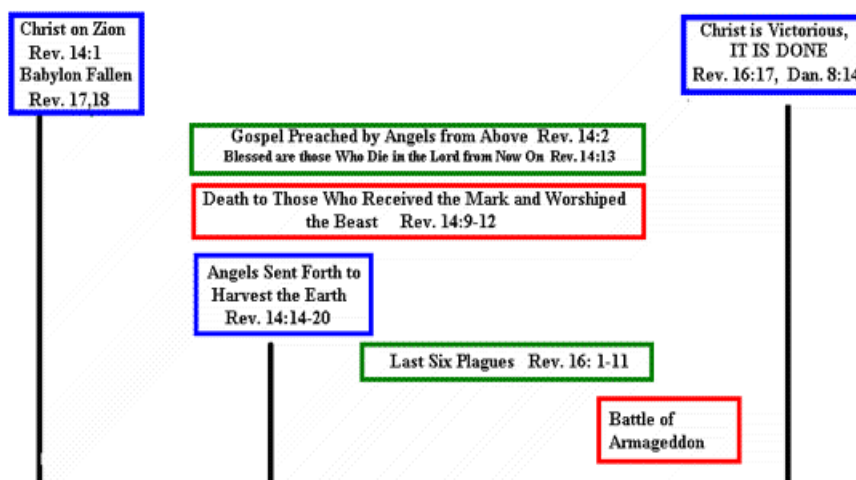


Figure 150  
Last Plagues of Revelation

fifth angel is to harvest the earth because it is ripe. He takes his scythe and harvests the earth, but the Scriptures do not tell of the final disposition of the harvest. The sixth angel is to go forth and harvest the earth because it is ripe, but this time they put the harvest into the winepress of God's wrath. In Matthew (25) Christ said that He would send forth His angels to gather the saints: He accomplishes that task in Revelation. He also gave us the parable about the separation of the wheat and the tares. (26) That is what the fifth and sixth angels have done. The first harvest consists of wheat, or His

people. The second harvest was the tares, the unbelievers, and they put those into the winepress of God's wrath. (27) Remember, Scripture says that the tares would burn. These events are shown in **Figure 161**.

The Seventh angel announces the last seven plagues, and the bowls of judgment deal with specific plagues brought against the earth. The first five are sores; the seas, the rivers and fountains turned to blood, fire from heaven and the darkness, the fear. These are the same judgments and plagues brought against the Egyptians in the Exodus. A sixth bowl is the Battle of Armageddon. This is where Satan sends out the three foul spirits to gather all the armies of the earth, to come in battle against the Lord. The seventh bowl is a statement, **"It is done."** It is complete; it is finished. These words occur only one other time in the Scriptures, as the last words Christ uttered on the cross before He Gave up the Spirit. The first six of these are actual judgments against man, but the seventh angel says that, **"It is done."** **Figure 150** shows this set of judgments. The overall time line for these end time events is presented in **Time Line**. To review, we have **six seals of judgment, six trumpets of judgment, six angels that are not judgments** (messages only) and the **last six plagues**. Then the judgments are: six seals, six trumpets and six plagues: **6-6-6. (28)** Odd? No, everything in Scripture is perfect. You will notice that in the fourth set of judgments, there are seven seals, seven trumpets, seven angels and the last seven plagues. But the fourth seven says, **"It is done."** In Scripture the sevens represent completion and the number four represents the earth or man. Then, four sevens would indicate the completion of events on earth. The earth has been redeemed by the Messiah! Now that you have read these articles on the web pages, [www.aaronc.com](http://www.aaronc.com) and [www.jp dawson.com](http://www.jp dawson.com) and seen how God works through individuals, through His creation and nature, through countries and history and how He reveals Himself through prophecy it is time to take a look inside yourself.

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- (1) **REV 11:15** And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kindoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.  
**REV 14:1** And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, haveing his Father's name written in their foreheads.
- (2) **REV 14:1-6.** And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, haveing his Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God. And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, haveing the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.
- (3) **REV 19:14-16.** And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.
- (4) **DAN 8:14.** Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.
- (5) **REV 16:17.** And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.
- (6) **ISA 65:20.** There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.
- (7) **MAT 13:26-29.** But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in they field? From whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.
- (8) **MAT 13:31-32.** And another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.
- (9) **REV 17:6-9.** And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.
- (10) **MAT 13:4** And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:  
**MAT 13:38-39.** The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.
- (11) **DAN 7:8, 20.** I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man,

and a mouth speaking great things. . . . and of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.

- (12) **REV 17:13.** These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.
- (13) **MAT 13:31-32.** And another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.
- (14) **MAT 13:19.** When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and under standeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.
- (15) **REV 17:9-11,18.** And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. . . . And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.
- (16) **REV 13:13-17.** And he doeth great wonders, also that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the best; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads; And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.
- (17) **REV 18:11-17.** . And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her: for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyne wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. And fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off.
- (18) **REV 18:17.** For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off.
- (19) **DAN 12:11-12.** And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.
- (20) **REV 17:17.** For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.
- (21) **DAN 8:14, Jewish Holy Scriptures.** Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be victorious.
- (22) **REV 6:10.** and they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?
- (23) **REV 14:12.** Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.
- (24) **MAT 10:22** And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. **MAT 24:13** But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. **MAR 13:13** And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.
- (25) **MAT 24:31.** And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.
- (26) **MAT 13:27-29.** So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? From whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.
- (27) **REV 14:19-20.** And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.
- (28) **REV 13:18.** Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six.

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