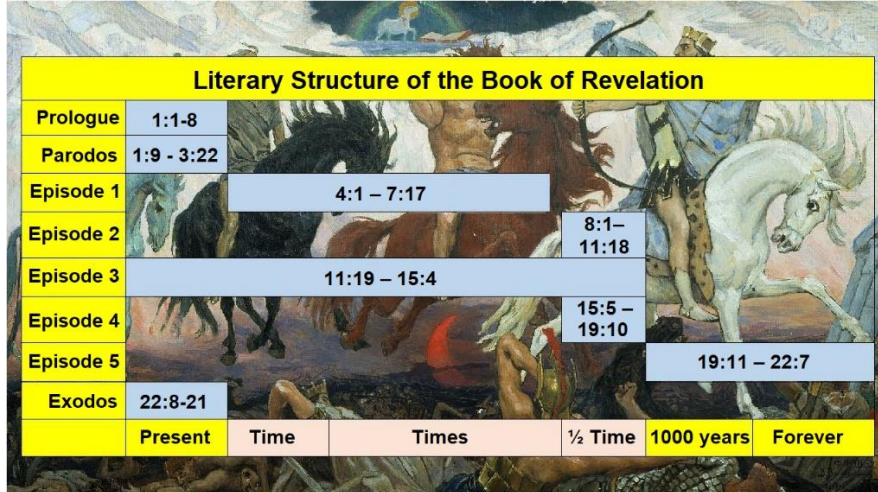


## OVERVIEW OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Powellhurst Men's Bible Study

Episode 3, 11:19—15:4

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Literary Structure of the Book of Revelation						
Prologue	1:1-8					
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Episode 1	4:1 – 7:17					
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Episode 3	11:19 – 15:4					
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Exodos	22:8-21					
	Present	Time	Times	½ Time	1000 years	Forever

### Learning objectives

- Identify the woman, the dragon and their actions.
- Identify the first and second beasts.
- Find the 'rapture' in the Book of Revelation.
- Anticipate the coming 'wrath of God'.

### Preview

- Signs announcing Messiah's birth.
- Satan's fall from heaven.
- Satan's war against Israel and Jewish Christians.
- Two beasts' arrogance and identity.
- Jewish Christians are gathered around Jesus on Mt. Zion
- Death of Christian believers.
- The Son of Man coming in clouds to harvest the earth.
- Wrath of is God poured out on many nations.

### God's temple is open

11:19 Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

- Heaven opened to whom?
- What is this 'ark of God's covenant'?
- What would these signs mean to pagans?.

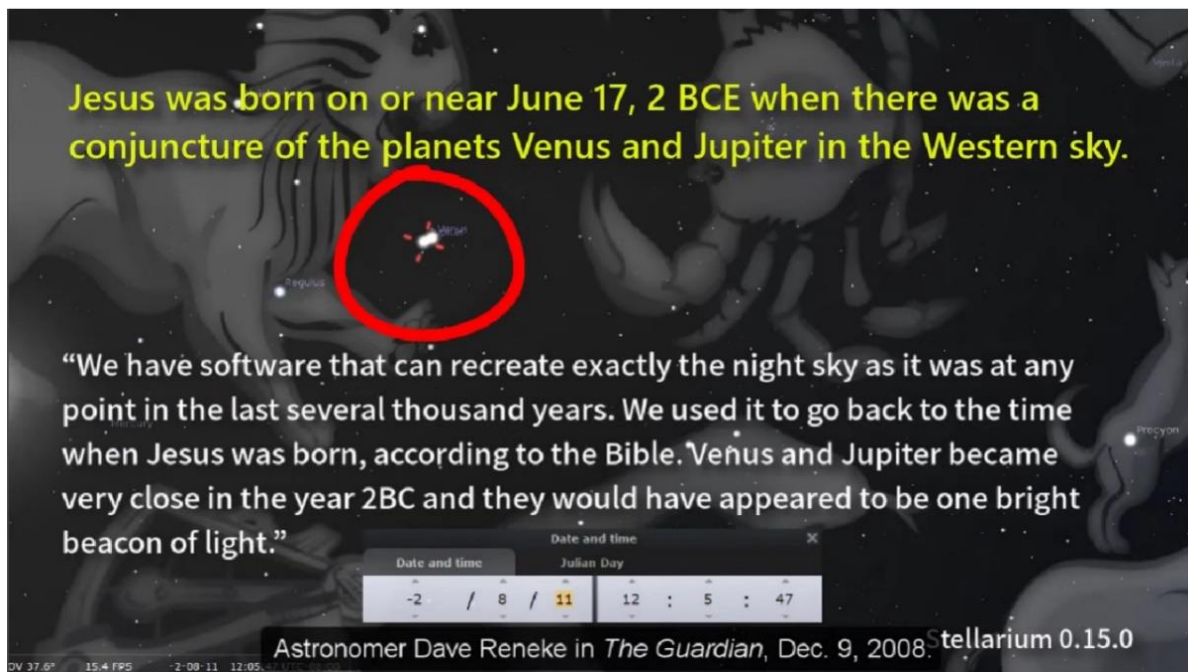
## The Woman and the Dragon

12:1 And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. 2 She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth.

- Astronomical data.
- ‘Mother’ of the messiah = Israel? Mary? Church?
- ‘Birth pangs’ = approach of the messianic age.

12:5 She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, 6 and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

- Distant history: Jesus ascended into heaven.
- Present history: Woman in the ‘wilderness’.
- Future history: To be nourished 1,260 days.
- Wilderness: Gentile nations (Ezek. 20:35)?



## The rest of her offspring

12:17 Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

- Rest: Early Jewish Christians
- Commandments: Tanach (Hebrew Bible)
- Testimony: Gospel

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### Daniel's Five Empires

Daniel 7:13 "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven... 14 His ... is an everlasting dominion ..., and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.



Paul Macisker. <https://endtimebible.com/timelines/4empires>

### The First Beast

13:4 And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

5 And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months.

- Beasts in Daniel: Imperial structures.
- Effective power: Seemingly inescapable.
- Forty-two months: End-times chronology.

13 7 Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, 8 and all who dwell on earth will worship it... 10 Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

- Distant past: Invasion of Israel, 64–71 CE?
- Present age: Roman–Islamic–end-times empire. WEF?
- Until 2nd coming: Endure opposition with faith.

### The Second Beast

13:11 Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. 12 It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence.

- Earth: Land=Israel? Region=Islam? WEF-Brics?
- Lamb: False messiah?
- Authority: New world order? A WEF 'young leader'?

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13:17 No one can buy or sell who does not have the brand, that is, the name of the beast or the number for its name. 18 This calls for wisdom: let anyone with understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number for a person. Its number is six hundred sixty-six [~sixteen].

- Person: ἄνθρωπος, anthropos, human being. The end-time antichrist?
- Greek readers: Nero = 666; Latin readers: Nero = 616.

### Greek & Hebrew Gematria

#### LATIN

I = 1, V = 5, X = 10, L = 50, C = 100, D = 500. Thus, DCLXVI = 666.

#### HEBREW

מ (m) = 600, ת (t) = 400, ס (s) = 200, ר (r) = 60, ו (w) = 6. Thus, both מטו (msw) and תרטו (trsw) = 666

#### GREEK

Χ (k<sup>h</sup>) = 600, Ξ (k<sup>t</sup>) = 60, Ι = (i) 10, Σ (s) = 6. Thus, ΧΞΣ = 666 and ΧΙΣ = 616.

#### GEMATRIA OF NERO CESAR\*

Greek to Hebrew: ΝΕΡΩΝ ΚΑΙΣΑΡ > נרון קסר (nrwn qsr) = 50+200+6+50+100+60+200 = 666

Latin to Hebrew: NERO CAESAR > נרו קסר (nrw qsr) = 50+200+6+100+60+200 = 616

#### ARABIC & FARSI

خ (K<sup>h</sup>) = 600, س (s) = 60, و (w) = 6. Thus, خسو (k<sup>h</sup>sw) = 666.

\*Verified at <https://www.gematrix.org/>

### Jewish Christians in heaven

14:1 Then I looked, and there was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion! And with him were one hundred forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. ... 4 They have been redeemed from humankind as first fruits for God and the Lamb, 5 and in their mouth no lie was found; they are blameless.

- Mt. Zion: (1) A hill in Jerusalem; (2) Jerusalem; (3) the redeemed in Jerusalem; (4) the heavenly Jerusalem; (5) the New Jerusalem.
- Intermediate state: 'present with the Lord'.

### End-times messages

14:7 "Fear God and give him glory, for the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

8 "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her prostitution."

11 "The smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image and for anyone who receives the brand of its name."

- Why should angels preach, when they do not do so today?
- Will Christians be censured? Imprisoned? Gone underground?
- "Having done all, to stand firm." Eph. 6:13

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### The rapture bus arrives.

14:14 Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like the Son of Man, with a golden crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand! 15 Another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, "Use your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is fully ripe." 16 So the one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

"Like" a Son of Man, does not mean someone similar to the Son of Man, but is a NT translation of Daniel 7:13 where the Aramaic word "ke" indicates the nature of a divine being who arrives in clouds: he is visibly a human being.

### The wrath of God

14:17 Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he, too, had a sharp sickle. ... 19 The angel swung his sickle over the earth and gathered the vintage of the earth, and he threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

- Two end-times harvests: (1) The surviving saints. (2) Those deserving of the 'wrath of God'.
- 1,600 stadia: ≈ 300 km, ≈ 200 miles. The approximate length of present-day Israel.

### All believers safe and joyful in Zion

15:1 Then I saw another portent in heaven, great and amazing: seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is ended. 2 And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mixed with fire and those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. 3 And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb.

