

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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We live on a planet of differences. Scientists now know of over 1.5 million different species of plants and animals and believe many more exist. They differentiate in size from the sub-cellular to the largest whales. From the polar to the equatorial regions there are many different micro and macro climates in both land and water. For mankind we differ by race, culture, language, religion and political boundaries. These differences have always been with us, but recently the rapid rate of specie loss has led some to believe we are at the beginning of a major extinction event, perhaps comparable to the most important ones of past geological ages. For mankind it means many cultures, languages, and religions are in danger of disappearing as the planet's food and energy resources are strained beyond their limits. Is there anything which can help preserve mankind's diversity? Surprisingly, the Kingdom of God may be the answer to the dark days ahead when "...except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved..." (Matt 24:21)

From the beginning, an individual's religion was determined by his genealogy, tribe, or nation unless he happened to become the originator of a new nation or religion. Proselytizing or missionary activity were not applicable. Most of the world's religions in Africa, Asia and the Americas still exist on this basis. The advent of the 'universal' religions which rose above tribal origins only began around 600 BC with Zoroastrianism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, etc. Some tribal religions like Judaism or the Greco-Roman then adapted and also sought converts. Rather than forcing a choice between conversion or extinction, the universal religions of the ancient empires tended to tolerate the religions of conquered peoples on a second class or inferior basis to avoid excessive bloodshed.

The distinction between 'empire' and 'kingdom' isn't made in the Bible. It is legitimate to suggest that the 'Kingdom of God' could actually mean the 'Empire of God,' following precursors such as the Babylonian, Persian, Greek, or Roman empires. In fact this was the ancient Jewish concept derived from prophets such as Daniel (2:44-5) and Zechariah (14:9-21) where the Jews (Israel) are prophesied to overcome the Gentile nations to form the last and greatest empire. In the New Testament we find the 'kings of the earth' bringing tribute (honor and glory of the nations) into Jerusalem, the capitol of the empire (Rev 21:24-26). If there is only one religion permitted in the Empire of God, why is this practice observed?

The Kingdom of God is like the mustard seed which grows

into the greatest of all herbs so that the birds of the air lodge in its branches (Matt 13:31). There are different species of birds, not just one. But if the Kingdom of God were to be put into practice now, how many religions could qualify on a second-class basis? The answer is none. None even incorporate the Ten Commandments, a minimal requirement. Many may never qualify because the demonic element is too prevalent. Only the ones with a Messianic expectation can have the hope of adapting to and surviving the extreme conditions of the last days, including the Beast and Antichrist, by seeking refuge in the Kingdom. The others will disappear or degenerate further into a demonic orientation.

It is my premise that these 'Messiahs' of each religion are precisely the individuals who will be able to communicate the basis for amalgamation with the Kingdom of God. The religious changes required will be unacceptable for many who will desert to form their own groups. Only partial integration with the Kingdom is possible, so both benefits and responsibilities are less than for the Kingdom religion (Judeo-Christianity). Since the Kingdom never expands by force (setting it uniquely apart from all other empires), the process won't happen overnight. It will be a matter of centuries before it overcomes all obstacles and adversaries in accordance with the seven-sealed scroll of Rev 5-7, 8:1, the Divine Charter or Constitution for peoples on earth under the direct jurisdiction of the Kingdom of God.

This period of coming Messiahs will be confusing to say the least. We are warned in Matt 24:5 'For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.' Also in Matt 24:11 "And many false prophets shall arise, and shall deceive many." For every true Messiah there may be at least one, perhaps more than one, false Messiah. We can perhaps be helped in all this by understanding that a chronological sequence of the true ones must exist. Based on my prophetic studies here is the most likely order:

1. Christ, the first and the last, will appear near the end of WW III to shorten the war and introduce the initial conditions for the Kingdom of God. He will appear in many places over the globe, not in His true body of flesh, but as an objective manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

2. The true Maitreya, the Messiah of Buddhism, will appear in the Era of Peace following WW III to preserve the positive values of Buddhism and facilitate the way to protection for Buddhists under the Kingdom of God. Also, Native American Messianic prophecies may be fulfilled during the Era of Peace.

3. Kalki, the Messiah of Hinduism, comes at the time when the Beast described in the book of Revelation is attempting to conquer India and East Asia. As the major leader of the “kings of the east” (Rev16:12) Kalki repulses the Beast’s aggression and forces into effect the seven year peace agreement. He also defeats the Beast a second time when he breaks the agreement.

4. When the “the times of the Gentiles” comes to an end a Jewish military leader regarded as the Messiah ben Joseph will arise who will be regarded as the fulfillment of prophecy. He will defeat the forces of Javan (the last kingdom of the 10-horned beast) at the battle in the Valley of Jehoshaphat (Joel 3:2) and free Israel of all foreign threats and domination. Jesus Christ is Messiah ben Judah.

5. The Messiah of Islam, the Mahdi, will successfully fight the forces of the final and greatest manifestation of the Antichrist, a figure known for his extraordinary miraculous powers.

6. Jesus Christ returns for his true second coming with his true body at nearly the same time to slay the final

Antichrist and to judge the members of the Kingdom of God. There will be “weeping and gnashing of teeth” for many (Matt 24:51).

The prophecies of the saoshyant, the Messiah of Zoroastrianism, are too difficult to place chronologically due primarily to the uncertain date of Zoroaster’s birth.

The examples of prophecies on this website are not complete. They are given to encourage further investigation. They can’t be assumed to be totally true; some may only be partially true, others totally false – only time will tell in some cases. Generally, the more detail a prophecy provides, the less likely it will be fulfilled precisely as stated. Simply being aware of a particular prophecy can affect its fulfillment (the Jonah Effect).

The diagrams and explanations below are taken and adapted from Section 15 of “The Heck Hypothesis: Crop Circles Unveiled.” Because of the Trinitarian nature of Christianity, the end-time sequence of events is much more complicated and occupies more time than ordinarily supposed. Christ appears three times, there are three antichrist figures, and three periods of all-out war. The entire end-times cover three church periods and three periods of comet strikes. This is not unreasonable since the entire globe is at issue, not one region only, and the Kingdom of God will never expand through military conquest.

From Comet A to the Fourth Seal

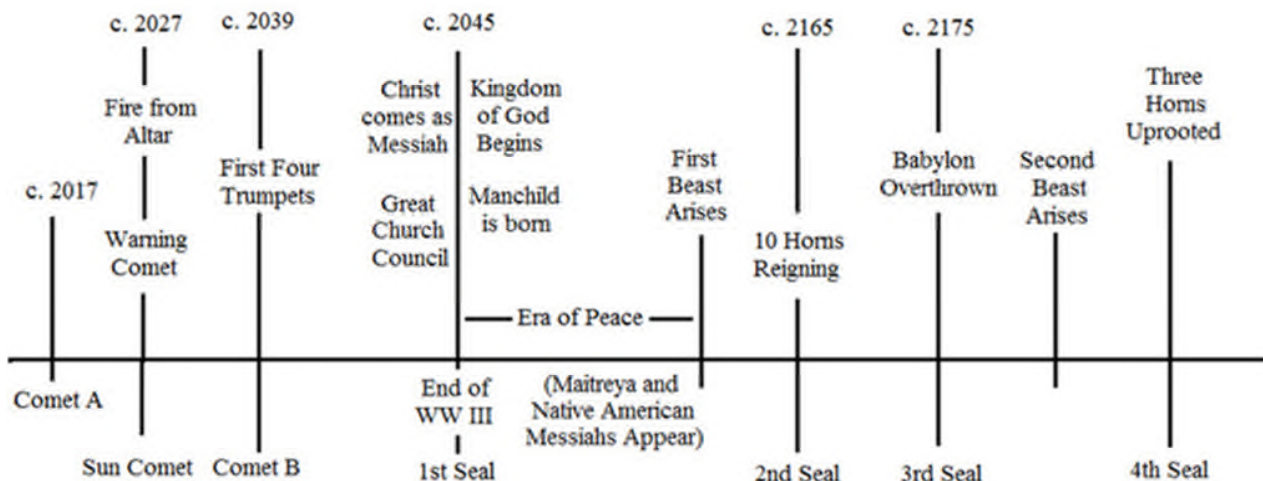


Figure 1

Our current historical period comes to an end with “natural” catastrophes, universal destruction, chaos, and

unavoidable starvation, with billions already dead as a result of WW III. If these hostilities weren’t foreshortened

by divine intervention, truly no flesh would be surviving. The next period of history begins with a protracted Era of Peace, the initial conditions revealed for the Kingdom of Heaven, followed by the subsequent appearance and ascension of the 10-horned Beast over much of the planet. Mystery Babylon is like a future version of the United Nations, but with much more military authority and religious significance. It is not the center of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, only one of a number of centers existing before Jerusalem is finally recognized as such.

The incurable corruption of Babylon is due to its unsuccessful objective of harmonizing the interests of the Beast Kingdom with that of the rest of the world's nations. The two-horned beast rules his kingdom, what is left of Babylon, primarily through magic, marvels, and false miracles rather than military power; his claim to be God or the Son of God. The lineage of both beasts contain humanity's worst liars, deceivers, and purveyors of falsehoods up to that time.

The Seventieth Week

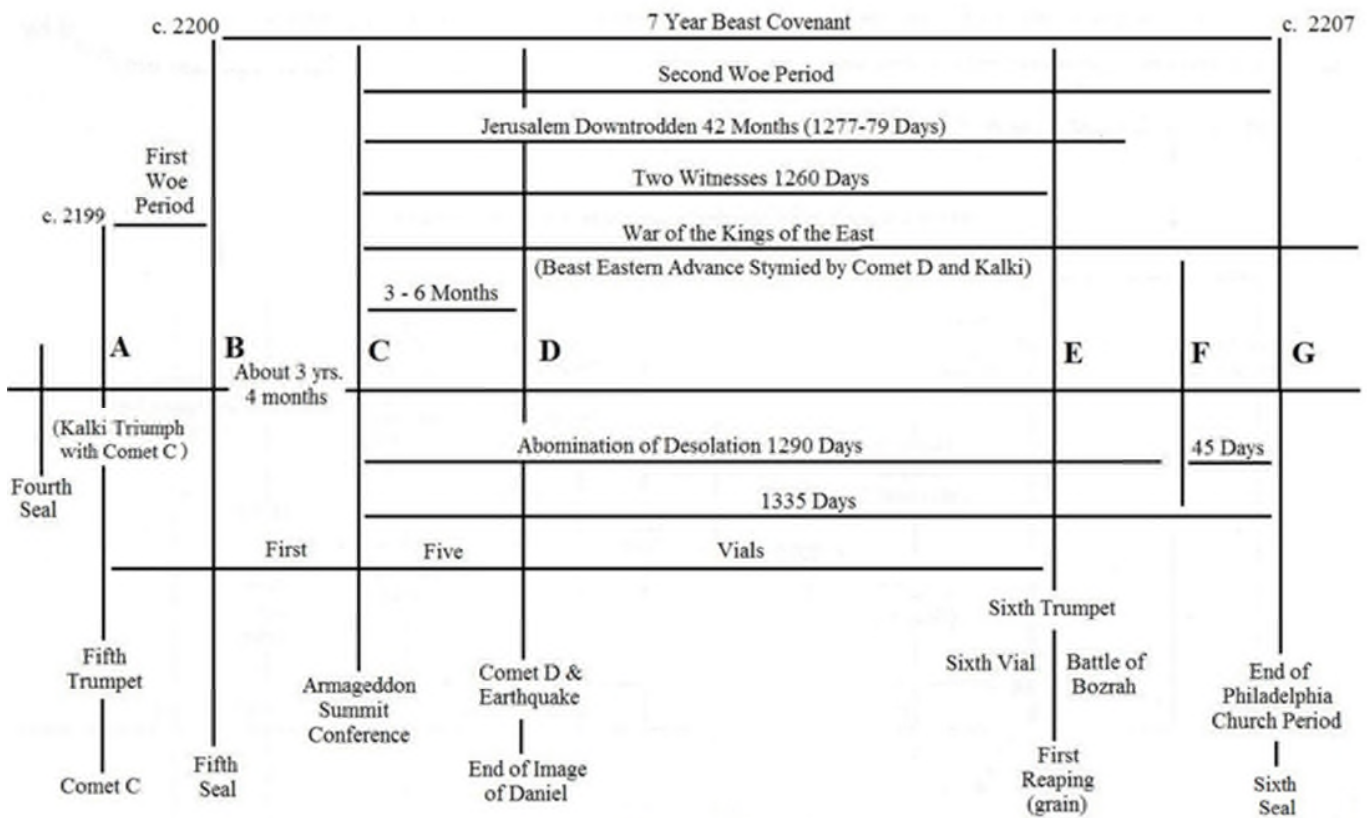


Figure 2

The Philadelphia time period ends with the seventieth week of Daniel, the victory of the Kings of the East, and the sixth seal. It has a resemblance the end of the Sardis period and is symmetrical to the Bar Kochba war of 131-5 AD. The rather complex series of events is described by the letters A through G:

A. Although the beast has mystical control of the Earth, his true physical control is limited to Africa, Europe, and Western Asia. The beast's aggressive war in the east is halted by the impact of Comet C (T449, p. 114) in the Indian Ocean and major fragments on land. The Kings of the East led by Kalki (whose sword "shines like a comet")

then defeat the beast's eastern forces, and after a period of negotiation, the seven-year agreement goes into effect. At this time a plague breaks out (the first woe), according to the fifth trumpet, Rev. 9:1-12. The series of vials now begin to be poured out on the Beast Kingdom.

B. The seven-year agreement is signed by many nations and temporarily halts the persecution of the Jews and others as shown in the fifth seal, Rev. 6:9-11. The contents of the fifth seal contain the legal options for those who are invaded or unfairly persecuted within the Kingdom of God.

C. The beast breaks the agreement, or covenant, and the temple in Jerusalem is violated, in fact, all the religious centers in the city are violated. The second woe period begins and lasts until the end of the seven-year agreement, or 1,335 days. This event starts the countdowns in days mentioned in Revelation. The Kings of the Earth are drawn to Armageddon for a summit conference without their armies present to confirm support for the beast. War with the Kings of the East (and others) begins again.

D. About 2300 days after Comet C, Comet D strikes near Egypt, according to the sixth seal, Rev. 6:12-17, and the great image of Dan. 2:31-45. The offensive capability of the beast is greatly diminished as Kalki again leads and the Euphrates becomes the last great line of defense. The elapsed time between C and D is according to T1164 (p. 133) and T1003 (p. 132).

E. The sixth trumpet (Rev. 9:13-21) warns of the impending invasion of the Kings of the East as the

Euphrates dries up (sixth vial, Rev. 16:12), and the 1,260 days of the two witnesses expire. One-third of the remaining beast forces are then killed in the offensive and at the battle of Bozrah, Isa. 34:6-10 and 63:1-6. This battle is the first reaping of grain of Rev. 14:14-16. Jerusalem is liberated from the beast after forty-two months (1,277 - 9 days) of captivity. The war is effectively over other than for mop-up operations.

F. The temple and other places of worship are restored after 1,290 days of defilement.

G. Forty-five days later, the seven-year covenant comes to an end, along with the unjust regulations enforced by the beast. It is also the end of the Philadelphia Church Period.

The End of All Things

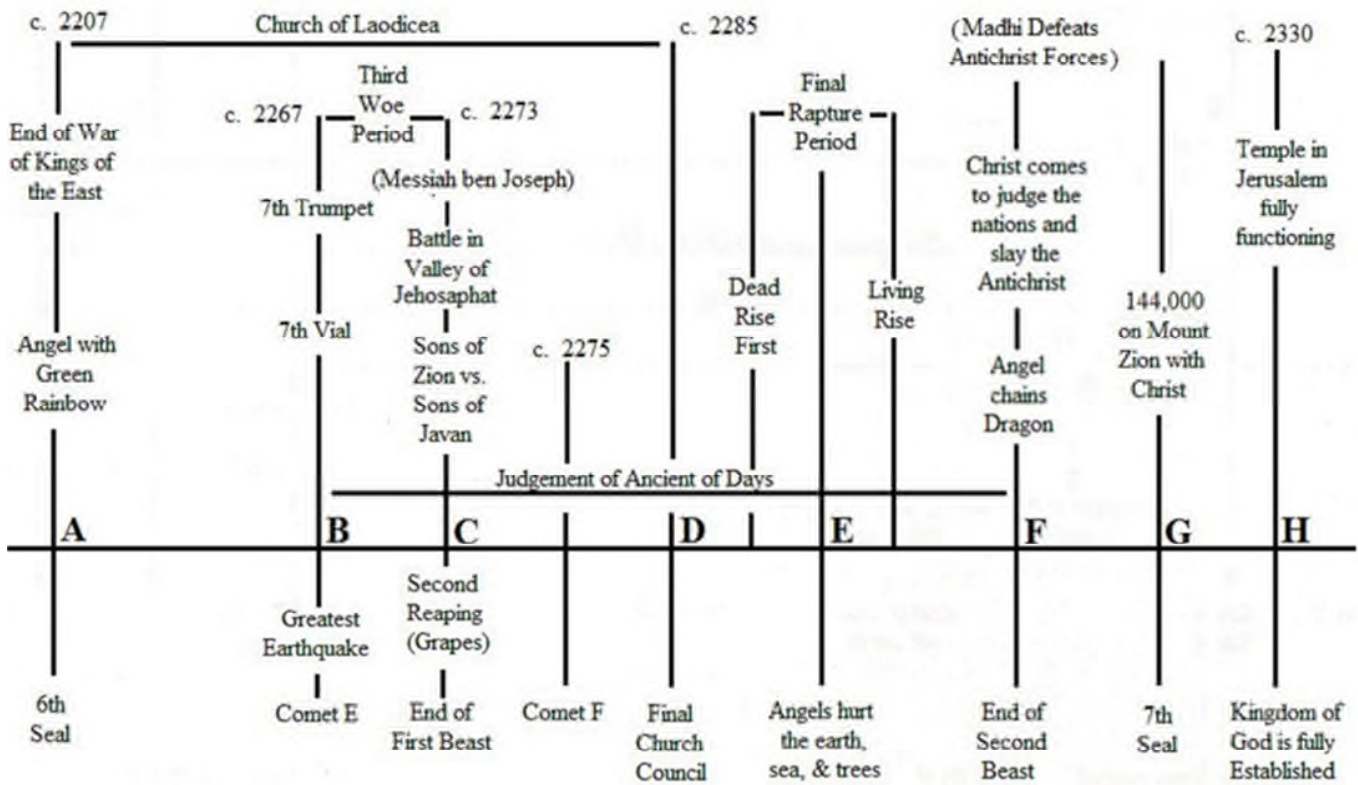


Figure 3

The Laodicean Church Age begins with the compromise of the Kings of the East with the beast forces to end the war and further destruction. Both beasts are still spiritually alive, even though the current leaders are dead. New leaders arise later. The book of Revelation doesn't cover

this church period in as much detail as the former because the state of Israel is victorious in battle rather than suffering under the beasts (as under Rome).

A. The angel with the green rainbow declares that the Times of the Gentiles are over. The state of Israel is granted true political independence physically and spiritually—approval of other organizations isn't needed. Both beasts still control certain land areas. The sixth seal grants the legal options permitted to leave and return when "natural" disasters strike the Kingdom of God.

B. The beasts continue to accumulate power and influence until the seventh trumpet sounds, warning of the impact of Comet E. The approximate date of the strike is derived from Zugelder images GBR (03/07/09) (p. 134) and GBR (09/04/29) (p. 136) and the symmetry of the ensuing battle with the Jewish revolt of 67-73 AD. Comet E strikes in the Black Sea, causing the greatest earthquake ever in the Eastern Mediterranean. Babylon, now headquarters for the second beast, succumbs to watery destruction (Rev. 16:19, 18:21, Jer. 51:60-64). This is the beginning of the judgment of the Ancient of Days (Dan. 7:9-10, 22).

C. The culminating battle of the sons of Zion against the sons of Javan (Zech. 9:13) takes place in the valley of Jehoshaphat (Joel 3:2, 11-14). Israel is led by Messiah ben Joseph, who is guided by God to military victory. This is the second reaping of grapes, Rev. 14:18-20, and the end of the military potential of the ten-horned beast. Comet F strikes about two years later.

D. The Laodicea Church ends with a Council, just as by symmetry, the Ephesus Church began with the Council of Jerusalem.

E. The Rapture is highly controversial concept. No one is favored in Christianity simply due to his/her century or year of birth or death. No one will have his physical body resurrected or glorified since it is incurably tainted with original sin. Under the rapture, the soul is separated from the body "in the twinkling of an eye." The soul is then taken while awake to one of the Heavenly realms before it can be subjected to any demonic activity while the person sleeps. The body may also be transported off the earth to a safe place in the solar system to prevent any outrageous or despicable treatment by beast subjects. These bodies will be ultimately returned to earth due to the "dust to dust" doctrine. In this sense, the rapture has been occurring since the earliest times. After the final rapture period,

there will be no further raptures of the soul or body. Those leaving first in the final rapture period, the ones temporarily

sleeping in the Earth, aren't inferior in status to those leaving while alive. Due to the destruction from the four winds, Rev. 7:1-3, the final rapture may pass by with little or no notice.

F. Christ comes in His true physical body with all the holy angels (Matt. 25:31) as King and Judge to judge the nations of the Kingdom of God and to put to death the Antichrist. The Mahdi has just previously defeated the armies of the Antichrist and is preparing for a final, costly offensive. The Antichrist is the last and worst of the three springing from the second beast. In a sense, there are three major antichrists, but the first two would be termed false prophets in Revelation. This is the time of harvest when the angels gather the wheat into the barn and cast the tares into the fire. All remaining adherents of both beasts are condemned to the lake of fire, and the dragon is bound with chains and cast into the bottomless pit. This is the end of the judgment of the Ancient of Days (Dan 7: 9-10).

G. Christ comes again for the third time as the Everlasting Father (Isa. 9:6 and Rev 14:1-5) to confirm Jerusalem as the capital of the Kingdom and reveal the seventh seal. He is accompanied by the 144,000 Jewish converts to Christianity gained throughout the preceding two plus millennia. Just as Moses came down three times from the presence of God on Mount Sinai for Israel, so Christ will come down from Heaven three times as the law giver for the Kingdom of God. Afterward, He and the 144,000 will ascend back up to the throne in Heaven to rule both Heaven and Earth for 1,000 years. The seventh seal lasts about one half hour in heaven, or about twenty years on Earth, so it probably includes both appearances of Christ. It also contains the permanent form of the Kingdom.

H. A short time later, the temple in Jerusalem is fully functioning as the head of all temples across the Kingdom. The Kingdom has attained its final form. There are no animal or other sacrifices within the temple. These are only required where Satan has been granted some authority over humanity.