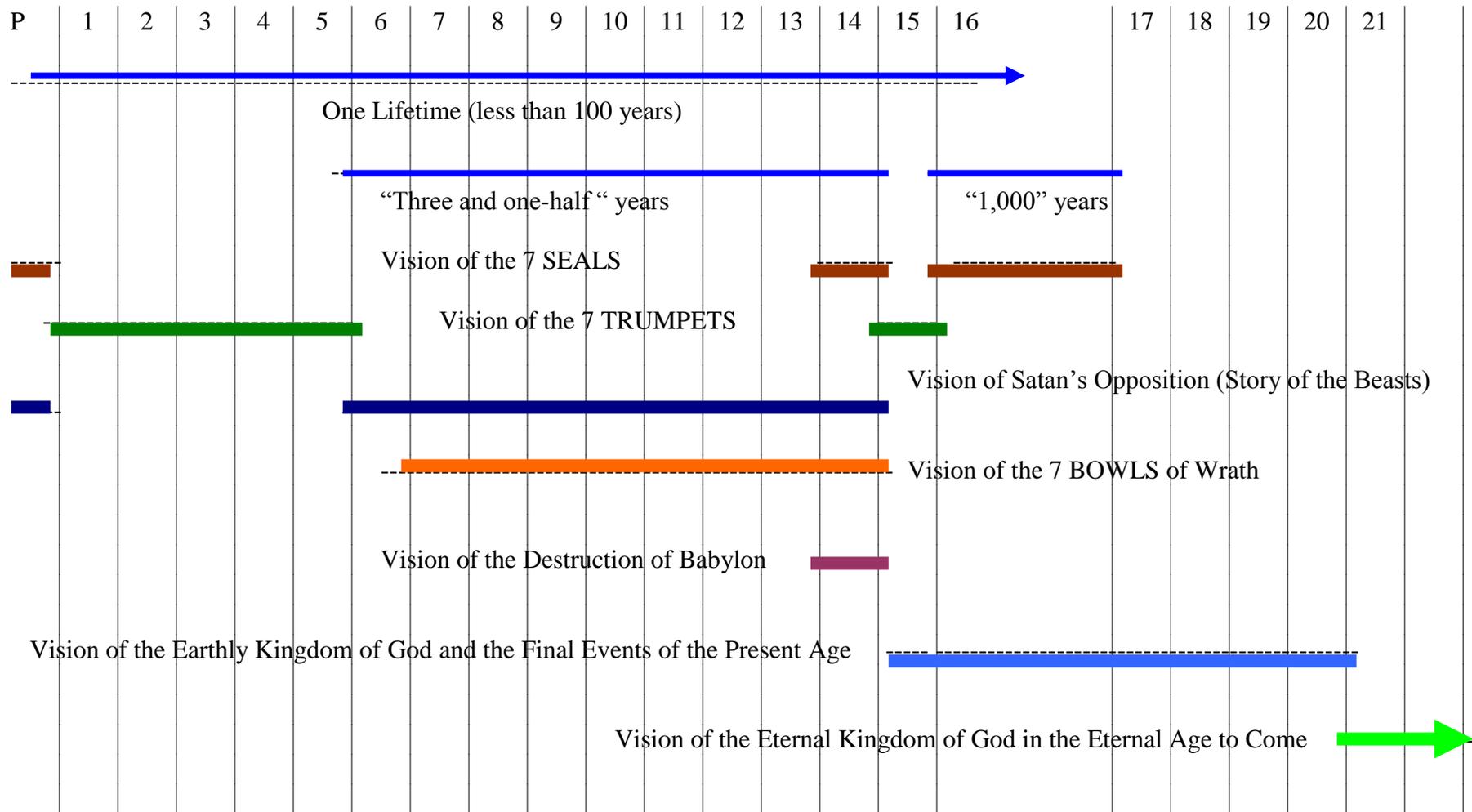


Sequence of End-Time Events in Book of Revelation



The length of the time periods above is unknown. We DO know that the 144,000 who are already alive at #1 will still be alive into the Millennium, #16. The width of each column does not correspond to the duration of the time period being described.

P=This represents the time period from the first coming of Jesus up until the very first sign of the beginning of the present time.

1 (First Trumpet)

- First warning sign: fire and hail, mixed with blood, falls to earth, destroying “1/3” of the land, “1/3” of the trees, and all the grass.

2 (Second Trumpet)

- Second warning sign: a “burning mountain” falls into the sea and turns it to blood, destroying “1/3” of what is in the sea.

3 (Third Trumpet)

- Third warning sign: the star “wormwood” falls into the streams and rivers; “1/3” of them become poisonous, killing many men.

4 (Fourth Trumpet)

- Fourth warning sign: there occurs a darkening of the sun, moon, and stars by “1/3”.

5 (Fifth and Sixth Trumpets)

- God’s judgment of his people, the Jews, begins: armies, inspired by demonic forces, invade Israel and subjugate the Jews within Israel.
 - > *These armies represent a coalition of 10 kings.*
 - > *This political coalition is represented by the 7th head of the beast.*

6 (A delay between the beginning and end of God’s judgment of the Jews / The 2 Beasts & the 2 Witnesses)

- Satanically-inspired ruler (“the beast”) grows in power and conquers 3 of the kings in the coalition that had invaded Israel.
 - > *This ruler (“beast”) is the “king” of a nation that had previously conquered and controlled Israel prior to John’s visions (either Babylon, Persia, Media, Egypt, or Syria).*
 - * This “ruler (“beast”) is identified with one of the first “six” heads of the beast.
 - * This “ruler (“beast”) is represented by the head that had had a fatal wound that had healed.
 - > *This ruler (the “beast”) claims to be divine, a manifestation of God.*
- This “beast” becomes the most powerful ruler in the world. All the nations of the earth “worship” him. Everyone worships him except followers of Jesus (the saints) and the 144,000 (the Jews in Israel who, though sanctified, do not yet believe in Jesus).
- This “beast” persecutes any who don’t worship him (namely, those who remain faithful to God), either killing them or imprisoning them.

- A false prophet (false messiah?) arises in Israel and deceives the non-elect Jews into worshipping and serving the beast.

> *This false prophet is identified as a second beast, the beast arising from the land.*

- The 144,000 do not worship the beast; they remain faithful to God. The “two witnesses,” in Jerusalem, bear witness to the truth and help protect the 144,000. They call down various plagues on the unbelieving Jews in Israel.

> *Note: sometime before or during #14 the beast kills these two witnesses.*

7 (First Bowl of Wrath)

- The day of God’s wrath, the time at which God completes his judgment of his people the Jews, begins when God afflicts with painful sores the unbelieving Jews in Israel who had worshipped the “beast.”

8 (Second Bowl of Wrath)

- The sea (in Israel?) is turned to blood, killing every living thing in it.

9 (Third Bowl of Wrath)

- The rivers and fresh water springs (in Israel?) are turned to blood.

10 (Fourth Bowl of Wrath)

- The sun is made to scorch with fierce heat the people (in Israel?).

11 (Fifth Bowl of Wrath)

- The kingdom of the “beast” is “darkened”; sores and great pain afflict the whole kingdom.

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- The beast (and the kings in alliance with him?) instigate a world-wide persecution of the Jews. Many of the non-elect Jews around the world are killed in and by these persecutions.

13 (Sixth Bowl of Wrath)

- At Armageddon, the “beast” gathers a vast army, deceived by Satan, to come up against Israel in order to destroy the Jews in Israel.
- It is likely here, probably 3 days before #14, that the beast kills the two witnesses.

> *The unbelieving Jews in the land, who had been bothered by the plagues sent upon them by the two witnesses—and the whole world with them—celebrate the death of these two witnesses. After three days, the witnesses are raised from the dead and taken up into “heaven.”*

14 (The “Great and Terrible Day of the Lord” // Seventh Bowl of Wrath // Sixth Seal)

- Presumably, many Jews in Israel (but none of the 144, 000) are destroyed during the invasion of the armies from Armageddon.

- Jesus returns to establish the present-age Kingdom of God in Israel. He does so to fulfill a long-standing promise God had made to Israel through his prophets.

> *Followers of Jesus, from throughout all time, who were dead and buried in the grave will be raised from the dead to meet Jesus in the clouds as he returns. Followers of Jesus who are still alive at this time will join them. All of these followers of Jesus will be instantaneously transformed—receiving their “glorified” bodies and made morally perfect. These “saints” have now been made immortal, having been transformed into the state in which they shall exist for all eternity.*

> *Jesus, along with these newly transformed saints, will come up against the armies of the beast (who, having first gathered at Armageddon, were in the process of destroying all the Jews in Israel [except the 144,000]), and Jesus will destroy them all.*

* This is typically known as the “Battle of Armageddon.”

> *God throws the beast and the false prophet into the “lake of fire” to punish and destroy them.*

- A great earthquake splits the city of Jerusalem into 3 parts. This earthquake (along with 100-pound “hailstones” falling from the sky) destroys most (if not all) of the centers of commerce (the major cities) around the globe, decimating the world economy.

> *At the end of these devastating events, Babylon (that is, unbelieving Judaism) is completely and irremediably destroyed. Only the 144,000 faithful Jews survive to experience the Kingdom of God on earth.*

15 (Seventh Trumpet)

- Jesus, having been victorious over all the armies that had come up against Israel, establishes his throne in Jerusalem and sets up a sovereign rule over all the nations of the earth.
- Satan is imprisoned in the Abyss.

16 (Seventh Seal)

- The newly transformed saints (followers of Jesus) will reign, as priests of God and of Christ, over the whole world. They will live as glorified immortals among sinful mortals. They will rule over the nations of the earth (the surviving mortals) under the sovereign rule of Jesus as supreme king over the whole earth. It is likely that the apostles will reign, under Jesus, over the people of Israel.

> *Jesus is ruling over the nations with a rod of iron. The nations are not righteous; but they have righteousness imposed upon them by the rule of Jesus. Israel has become a righteous people. They will be the “light” to the nations that God had selected the Jews to be.*

> *This is typically known as the Millennium.*

> *This is a significantly long period of time (1000 years, symbolically).*

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- Satan is released from the Abyss in order that he might go out and deceive the nations.

- Satan does deceive the nations (Gog and Magog) and they gather to come up against Jerusalem in order to destroy Jesus and the Jews in Israel.

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- With fire from the heavens, God destroys these armies from the nations (Gog and Magog).

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- God throws the devil into the “lake of fire” in order to punish him until the end of this age and, ultimately, to destroy him.
- Every human being who has not already been raised from the dead and glorified (that is, everyone whose name was not written in the book of Life) is raised up from the dead to go to their judgment. God judges these unbelievers (the non-elect) and determines the punishment the each individual deserves according to the deeds that he has done. At that point, presumably, God exacts the punishment that each is due.

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- God destroys every non-elect human being (who does not belong to him).
- God destroys death itself.

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- God destroys the “old” heavens and earth and creates a “new” heavens and earth as a place for the eternal kingdom of God, the eternal dwelling place of the people of God.