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Thing to Come

Thing to Come

1. Introduction

Why this presentation?

- Warning
 - For the unbelievers, for the horrors that await them after the Rapture, and even more in eternity, if they have not accepted Jesus as Lord of their lives
 - For the luke-warm christians, they could miss the Rapure and suffer from the Tribulation
 - The unbelievers may think: first see the Rapture, then I will believe.
If they live long enough they will indeed get a second chance [catch-22]
 - Refuse the Mark => martyrdom, if they have come to faith, they are saved
 - Accept the Mark => forever in the lake of fire
- Encouragement
 - We, Christians, can experience the Rapture
We are rewarded for our actions in faith
We do not go through the Tribulation and will not experience that misery
Will live 1000 years Jesus as king in the Millennium
and live eternally with God on the New Earth
Focus on this with all the misery that is presented
- Assignment
 - We must unite and tell the gospel to:
Family members
Freinds
Neighbors
Colleagues
Classmates
...

Presentation information

- The presentation is a summary of events that are to come, grouped by time period
- This presentation is based on the Bible and the videos of senior pastor Allen Nolan of the Cornerstone Fellowship.
- This presentation assumes that the Rapture occurs before the Tribulation.
- The photos are made with AI and are for illustration purposes only.

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Timeline

Focus on Tribulation

Possible Rapture moments:

- Pre-trib
 - 1 Thess. 2:6-8, 4:16-17, 5:9; Rev. 3:10; John 14:2-3; Luke 16:26-30
 - I find it hard to believe that God lets His children suffer in the Tribulation
- Mid-trib
- Post-trib

2. Jesus's teaching

From Pentecost – the birth of the Church until the Rapture

Teaching about the End Times

In Matthew 24 the disciples ask about His return and the end of the world.
And what is the sign that Jesus is coming back. (Matt.24:3)

It is striking that Jesus first says: Beware that no one deceives you.
This is because many false Christs and prophets will come and deceive many.

And that is still the case now.

In the Tribulation they can do signs and wonders themselves! (Rev. 13:13)

If someone does a miracle, it is questionable whether that is done by God.
Because the Egyptian magicians could also do miracles in the time of Moses. (Ex. 7:8-11)

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Beginnning of birthpangs

Jesus also says that there will be (rumors of) wars.

He also says that we should not be afraid of it, because it must happen. (Dan. 9:26)

But it is not yet the end of the world.

Countries will rise against each other.

There will be famines and infectious diseases.

Also earthquakes in various places.

But all these things are only the beginning of the birth pangs of the Millennium.

The remaining birth pangs will come in the Great Tribulation, so just before the Millennium.
(Matt. 24:6-8)

3. We are close

Digital money possible

Completely digital payment system

The world is working on a completely digital payment system

Cash disappears

Banks test digital currencies

Transactions are tracked

Obligated to use this

Everyone is obligated to use this

Buying and selling will only be possible with digital money (Rev. 13-16:17)

Threats

Category	Potential Impact	Risk
Privacy/Surveillance	Constant monitoring of habits	High (e.g. metadata tracks)
Expense control	Frozen funds or limited use	Very high (e.g. programmability)
Cybersecurity	identity theft, total loss	High (e.g. honeypot hacks)
Exclusion	Access denied to services	Medium (e.g. digital divide)
Economic instruments	Forced spending, hidden taxes	Medium (e.g. negative rates)

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Why is this important?

For the first time it is technically possible to force everyone to be able to buy or sell
Cash payments don't provide complete financial control over citizens.
Digital currency is necessary for complete control using the Mark of the Beast.

Digital ID (situation October 2025)

- Central way to identify people and regulate their access to the internet, banks, shops or healthcare, ...
 - Already mandatory in India, Nigeria, Belgium, Estonia, South Korea
 - Partially mandatory in China, the Philippines and the United Kingdom
 - With a digital ID, fraud is still possible, for example by using someone else's ID
 - If this ID is in a chip in the hand or head, it becomes more difficult to commit fraud.
- Governments eventually want everyone to get this supposed Mark of the Beast, so that they can have total control over their citizens.

Mark of the Beast

Chip/biometrics

Implants with chips under the skin already exist (in the hand or head).
Voluntary chip implants have been tested in Sweden for 10 years.
The chip is the size of a grain of rice and is approximately 12 mm long, 2 mm wide, and 2 mm thick;
and is usually placed between the thumb and index finger.
It is used for payment or identification purposes.
Microchips have been available for pets since 1980.
By 2000, they were widely used among breeders.
Now (2025), they are standard practice for pet registration and livestock farming.

Acceptance of this mark

Whoever accepts this mark proves that he regards the Antichrist as God
and implicitly regards God as the devil

Why is this important?

Never before has this been technically feasible
There is no forgiveness for this sin
Whoever accepts the mark will receive eternal punishment (Rev. 14:9-11)

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Rebuilding the temple in Jerusalem

- Plans
There are plans and construction pressures
Priests are already being trained for temple service
- Why is this important?
Temple is necessary for fulfillment of prophecies
(Dan. 9:27, Matt. 24:14, 2 Thess. 2.4, Rev. 11:1-2)

Thing to Come

Red heifers

- Temple cleansing
In 2022, completely pure red heifers brought to Israel
For temple cleansing (Num 19:1-10)
- Why is this important?
For thousands of years there was no suitable red heifer

Prophetic clocks

- 6000 years / 6-day theory
 - Creation in 6 days
Day as 1000 years and vice versa (2 Pet. 3:8)
6 days => 6000 years of human history
7th day => 1000 years of rest (Millennium)
 - Application
We are now living at the end of those 6000 years
The 7th day of rest (Millennium) should start soon
- 2-day theory
 - Hosea prophecy 2000 years after Jesus' crucifixion (Hos. 6:2)
Jesus crucifixion was around 30-33 AD
2 days restoration => 2000 years
 - Good Samaritan (Luc. 10:30-35)
Image of Jesus saving humanity and paying 2 denarii (2 days' wages) to then return, so
after 2 days => 2000 years
 - Application
Israel was spiritually rejected at the cross of Jesus
Nearly 2,000 years later, Israel has come back to life
The third day – a time of resurrection and eternal life – is in sight

Generation that sees Israel as a state

- Fig tree sprouting
Symbol of Israel (Matt. 24:32-34)
- Application
In 1948, Israel was reborn as a nation
Jesus says that the generation that experiences this will also experience His return

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Conclusion

Unique signs

- First generation
We are the generation in history where these things are possible
- Technology
The technology for the mark of the Beast
- Resources
The resources for global digital money
- Plans
This plans for the rebuilding of the temple
- Red heifer
The red heifers are in Israel

Stay faithful in your duties

Believers must remain faithful, vigilant, and active in their responsibilities, regardless of their expectations of the Rapture. (Luke 19:11-27, Matt. 25:14-30, 1 Thess. 5:1-11, 1 Pet. 4:7-11, James 2:14-17, Rev. 2:25, 3:11)

4. Rapture

What is the Rapture?

The Church is taken up into Heaven.

Jesus will appear in the air with the saints who are in Heaven.

- These people will receive a new glorified body, similar to Jesus' body
- The bodies of the Christians who are then living on Earth will change in the blink of an eye into a new glorified body
- After this, the Christians on Earth meet Jesus in the air and we go to Heaven

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- After this, the Christians on Earth will meet Jesus in the air and go to Heaven.

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Where in the Bible do we recognize the Rapture?

Matthew 25:1-13, parable of wise and foolish virgins.

(Christians are divided over the timing of this parable.
Some think of the Second Coming of Christ, others of the Rapture of the Church.)

It was the custom in the old Jewish wedding ceremony that the bridegroom went to the bride's house and took her to the wedding feast. This is a reflection of the Rapture where Jesus comes to pick up His bride (the Church).

Matthew 25:1-13 (CSB)

1 “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom. **2** Five of them were foolish and five were wise. **3** When the foolish took their lamps, they didn’t take oil with them; **4** but the wise ones took oil in their flasks with their lamps. **5** When the groom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep **6** “In the middle of the night there was a shout: ‘Here’s the groom! Come out to meet him.’ **7** “Then all the virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. **8** The foolish ones said to the wise ones, ‘Give us some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.’ **9** “The wise ones answered, ‘No, there won’t be enough for us and for you. Go instead to those who sell oil, and buy some for yourselves.’ **10** “When they had gone to buy some, the groom arrived, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. **11** Later the rest of the virgins also came and said, ‘Master, master, open up for us!’ **12** “He replied, ‘Truly I tell you, **don’t know you!**’ **13** “Therefore be alert, because you don’t know either the day or the hour.

So whoever still has to buy “oil” and lives long enough, will go through the Great Tribulation.

(Matt. 25:14-30 => nothing done with talent, not worked for God => lost)

(Jas. 2:14-26 => faith without works is dead faith – a theoretical faith)

Types of Raptures:

- Flood: Noah
- Sodom and Gomorrah: Lot

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When does it happen?

We don't know – it could be any moment.

If the peace talks between Israel and the Middle East are serious, we are close.

John 14:3 (CSB)

If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, so that where I am you may be also.

Why will it occur?

- To bring the Church (the bride of Christ) home and protect them from the punishments that God will execute on the wicked on Earth in the Tribulation
- In the past, God also spared His people when He punished unbelievers, see for example:
 - Flood, Noah and family are spared
 - Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot and his daughters are spared
- Another reason: revelation of the Antichrist.
He was held back by the Holy Spirit thru the Church all that time

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Rewards

- At His judgment seat, Jesus distributes gifts based on our righteous deeds.
- Other deeds are "punished" by *not* giving a reward for them.
- We remain saved, even if we receive no reward.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. (KJV)

1 Corinthians 3: (KJV)

11. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw,

14. If anyone's work which he has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward.

15. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

Wedding of the Lamb

Just as was customary in the ancient Jewish wedding,

Jesus took His Bride (the Church) to His house (Heaven) as the Bridegroom.

The wedding takes place in Heaven and lasts 7 years – the time of the Tribulation.

That marriage foreshadows Jesus' marriage to the Church and parallels the End Times.

→ If necessary, show the similarities between both weddings

5. Seals

Tribulations – in short

- Period of 7 years (Dan. 9:27)
- Judgment of the wicked – we will encounter this later
 - 7 Seals
 - 7 Trumpets
 - 7 Bowls
- Discipline Israel
 - 2/3 are killed
 - 1/3 remains(Jer. 30:7; Zech. 13:8-9; Ps. 50:15, 91:15)

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Seals – general

- Scroll
In the Bible book of Revelation, Jesus receives a scroll with 7 seals from His Father. The scroll contains events during the Great Tribulation, which Jesus is allowed to roll out.
- Judgments
Judgments are coming upon the world.
But God's judgments will probably not affect the entire world.
Probably the kingdom of the Beast.
Because there is a goat-and-sheep judgment after the Tribulation there will be survivors – otherwise there are no people to judge.
- 4 riders on a horse
Horses symbolize strength, purpose and speed.
Which could mean that these judgments follow each other in quick succession
(Job 39:19-25, Jeremiah 4:13, Joel 2:4-5)

False Christs

(Matt. 24:23-24)

Everyone who says that he is the Christ and proclaims the 'gospel' is a false Christ.

When the real Christ comes to Earth, He will not evangelize but judge and to rule

Jesus will also only come towards the end of the Tribulation.

He comes with the saints and angels - so not alone.

Moreover, His appearance will be like lightning that goes from East to West. (Matt. 24:27)

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False prophets

Beware, because these people can also do miracles and predictions! (Matt. 24:24)
They can even use Jesus' name!!
So if someone does a miracle, it is questionable whether it is done by God.

Miracles do not always come from God,
because the Egyptian magicians could also do miracles in the time of Moses. (Ex. 7:8-11)

He mixes divine truths with satanic lies.
He tries to help people lose their faith in God.
These people can have an unchristian way of life.
And they contradict the Bible.

The Word of God is the best weapon against them.
(2 Tim. 3:16, Eph. 6:17, Titus 1:9, 2 Cor. 10:4-5)

1. White horse

(Rev. 6:1-2), first seal.

- Antichrist
presents himself as a false messiah
undermines the truth of the Gospel
and declares that Jesus Christ is a fraud
representative of Satan on Earth for the next 7 years
- Bow without arrows
He threatens but does not wage wars
- Nonviolent world leader
People are amazed by his diplomatic skills
brings peace between Israel and the Middle East
Temple may be rebuilt
- Jews think: he is Jesus
- Muslims think: he is the Mahdi
- Christians think: he is the Antichrist

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2. Red horse

(Rev. 6:3-4, Ezekiel 38 and 39)

Second Seal.

- War against Israel

Now that Israel is at peace and does not expect war, the enemies strike

- Russia and allies

Ezekiel 38 mentions 3 times that Israel is attacked by the Gog and Magog countries when it is at peace. These are Russia and a number of Islamic countries. This attack fits into this time period, where Israel has just received peace through the mediation of the Antichrist.

- WW III (nuclear war)

Probably nuclear weapons will be used

- The enemies of Israel will fight against each other. Happend also in the O.T.:

Judges 7:22, 2 Chronicles 20:22–23, 1 Samuel 14:20, Ezekiel 38:21, Zechariah 14:12-13

- The invasion will be crushed.

In this way God will show His greatness.

Then shall many nations know that God is the LORD.

- Israel needs 7 months to bury the dead.

- And they will have fuel for 7 years.

- Now that the Islamic enemies have been defeated,

Israel is allowed to rebuild the temple on the site that is very holy to Muslims.

Because of the diplomatic capacities of the Antichrist he managed it to convince the muslims to give permissions for the rebuildig of the temple on for Muslims holy ground.

- Because Israel now has fuel for 7 years and the Tribulation lasts 7 years, this will take place at the beginning of the Tribulation, just after the peace with the Middle East

Also, the Antichrist was revealed just after the Rapture. He cannot operate earlier, because the Church is preventing this (2 Thess. 2:1-8). When the Church is raptured, the Antichrist will be revealed. So the peace in the Middel East and the subsequent war against Israel will start during the Tribulation – not earlier.

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3. Black horse

(Rev. 6:5-6)

Third seal

- Famine
After-effect of WW III
- Inflation
Portion of food will cost a day's wages
- Animal food
Cheaper food (animal food) will be bought
- Gap between rich and poor becomes greater
Rich will continue to live in luxury.

4. Pale horse

(Rev. 6:7-8)

Fourth seal.

Death.

¼ of the people will die from WWIII, famine, epidemics and rats.

5. Christians are killed

(Rev 6:9-11)

Fifth seal

- Christians
 - Will be tortured and killed (most of them)
 - Their souls go to heaven
 - Their bodies remain on Earth for a while.
 - At the end of the Great Tribulation
 - their souls are united with their new bodies
 - as in the Rapture of dead saints.

(Rev 20:4)

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6. Crises

(Rev 6:12-17)

Sixth seal

- Warning: the world is coming to an end.
- There will be an enormous earthquake
- So that the angle of the polar axis of the Earth changes.
- It is accompanied by volcanoes, which spew ash and gases into the air, so that
 - The sun is darkened and the moon turns blood red.
- Most islands will be covered with water.
Meteorites fall on the Earth.
Because the angle of the polar axis changes, the climate changes everywhere.
(Rev. 6:14, Isa. 24:20, 34:4)
- Everyone seeks shelter
 - One asks the mountains and rocks to fall on them because they are afraid of the wrath of God.

7. More severe plagues

Seventh seal

(Rev. 8:1-6)

- God has given time for repentance during the 6 seals.
God answers the prayers of the martyrs and will punish more severely
- 7 angels with a trumpet are ready to carry out more severe judgments.
- Voices, thunders, lightnings and an earthquake come to the Earth.

We are now halfway through the Tribulation.

6. Trumpets

Introduction

- We are now halfway through the Tribulation
- The so-called Great Tribulation begins
- The judgments will be more severe than the seal judgments
- There is still a call to repent

First trumpet

(Rev 8:7)

- Hail, fire with blood on the Earth.
- 1/3 trees burned.
- All green grass burned.

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Second trumpet

(Rev 8:8-9)

- Mountain of fire in sea (volcano)
 - 1/3 sea becomes blood
 - 1/3 sea animals die
 - 1/3 boats are destroyed

Third trumpet

(Rev. 8:10-11)

- Meteorite falls:
 - 1/3 rivers
 - 1/3 water sources
- 1/3 of the waters become wormwood – bitter.
- Many people die from that water.

Fourth trumpet

(Rev. 8:12-13)

- 1/3 of the sun, moon and stars are struck.
- 1/3 of the day and night will not light up.
 - The days will be shortened for the elect (Matt. 24:21-22)
- Up until now, *nature* has been struck by God's plagues.
- An angel warns people about the next 3 plagues, the 3 woes.
- A woe is a warning - the next 3 plagues will also affect *people*.
 - There is still time for repentance.
- After the seventh trumpet, people's hearts will be so hard that they are unwilling to repent.
(Rev. 16:10-11)

Fifth trumpet, first woe

(Rev. 9:1-11)

- Demonic locusts, which sting like scorpions.
 - They may not harm plants and trees.
 - They may sting people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.
So they are not allowed to sting the 144,000 Messianic Jews.
- The pain of the sting is so bad that one wants to die.
- The plague will last 5 months.
- The body of these locusts is so strong that they are difficult to kill.

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Sixth trumpet, second woe

(Rev. 9:13-21)

- Army of 200 million soldiers
 - Uit het Oosten
 - 1/3 of the world population dies
 - The rest of the people did not repent
 - continued to worship demons and do other sins.

Seventh Trumpet, Third Woe

(Rev. 11:15-19)

This activity continues through the Millennium - they are a series of announcements.

- Kingdom of Christ begins
- Nations become angry
- Do not repent
- God punishes through the bowl judgments – coming up
- Resurrection after the Tribulation
 - Old Testament saints
 - Tribulation saints
- Goat-and-Sheep judgment
- Destruction of those who destroyed the Earth

7. Intermezzo-1

144,000

(Rev. 7)

4 angels hold back the wrath of God until the servants of God - the 144,000 - are sealed in their foreheads. (Jer. 49:36, Ezek. 9, Rev. 7:3-4)

They are 12,000 people from each tribe of Israel, a total of 144,000 - Messiah-confessing Jews.

They become evangelists to preach the gospel all over the world. (Rom. 11:13-14).

Many in the Tribulation come to faith after the preaching of the 144,000

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Two Witnesses

(Rev. 11:1-14)

- Prophecy in Jerusalem
at the temple
3.5 years
Proclaim Jesus Christ as the Messiah
They have power to strike the Earth with all kinds of plagues
- Are killed by the Antichrist
The world sends gifts to each other, happy about their death
Their bodies remain on the street for 3.5 days.
After this God makes them alive again and they go to Heaven
- Earthquake in Jerusalem
People become afraid and give glory to God of Heaven
Israel converts
- Antichrist becomes possessed
Angry at Israel's conversion
Desecrates the temple
Declares himself God
Demands worship
Jews flee for their lives

The woman, the Child and the dragon

(Rev. 12:1-6)

- The woman is Israel
- The child is Jesus
- Satan
 - Tries to destroy God's plan of salvation
By killing Jesus, he thought that people could no longer be saved.
 - Deceives himself
He did not know that Jesus had to die for us
He unknowingly cooperated with God's plan of salvation (1 Cor. 2:7-8)
And is therefore extra angry with Israel

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Michael's battle with the dragon

(Rev. 12:7-17)

- War in Heaven
Michael and his angels wage war against Satan and his angels.
Satan and his angels are thrown down to Earth.
- Satan no longer in Heaven
Satan had access to Heaven until then.

The Great Tribulation has begun - the second half of the Tribulation.

The dragon persecutes the woman

(Rev. 12:13-18)

- Israel is persecuted
By the Antichrist
Because she brought forth the Redeemer
- God protects Israel
Presumably in Petra in Jordan
Situated in a desert-like gorge, with natural protection by mountains.
during the Great Tribulation (3.5 years)
- Satan becomes even more angry at the Jews
because Israel now has a hiding place
wages war against the 144,000 Messianic Jews and Christians

Thing to Come

The beast from the sea

(Rev. 13:1-10)

- Restored Roman Empire
The beast can be either the restored Roman Empire or the Antichrist.
- Antichrist
Get his power from Satan (possessed)
Speaks blasphemies
Kills everyone who does not want to become a Muslim
Forces everyone to worship him as God
- The seven heads represent 7 kingdoms:
 1. Egypt
 2. Assyria
 3. Babylonia
 4. Medo-Persians
 5. Greece
 6. Rome
 7. Restored Roman Empire (contains all the characteristics of the previous 6 kingdoms)

The beast from the earth

(Rev. 13:11-18)

- The False Prophet
Gentle as a lamb
Speaks like the devil
Authority of Antichrist
- Deceives many by signs
Jesus warned against this
Makes an image for the Antichrist.
- Introduction of Babylon
The system of the Beast.
Forces everyone to accept the mark of the beast under the skin
Refusers are killed; the believers among them go to Heaven.
Whoever accepts the mark will receive eternal punishment.
Only with that mark can you buy or sell.
This mark may contain poison and can be activated remotely.

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Angels warn

- Gospel
to proclaim to those who dwell on the earth, and to every nation, tribe, language and people.
- Fear God
Give Him glory, worship Him
For His judgment is coming
- Babylon will fall
The world system will surely collapse.
- Beware of God's wrath
Refuse the mark of the Beast.
Refuse to worship the Beast (Antichrist) or his image.
- Perseverance of believers
Those who die in the Lord are blessed
They may rest from their labor

Harvest

Announcement:

- Jesus' return
- Armageddon
- Separate gathering of:
 - Believers
 - Unbelievers

Happens at the end of the Great Tribulation.

8. Bowls

Introductie

This occurs during the Great Tribulation—so, halfway through the seven-year Tribulation period.

These judgments take place after the seventh trumpet.

Although people could still repent during this stage,
God now knows that no one will repent anymore, because their hearts have become too hard.

This is the end of God's grace for unbelievers.
In fact, God's judgment has already begun for them.

This series of plagues is the worst plague God sends.

Thing to Come

1. Malignant ulcers

(Rev. 16:2)

Because the unbelievers – after having had the previous judgments – still do not want to repent, from now on the worst judgments will come for those with the mark of the Beast and who worship the image of the Beast

2. Blood in the oceans

- Blood of a dead person
(viscous – not to drink)
- All animals in the oceans die.

3. Blood in rivers

- All water
Rivers but from all water sources.
They have shed the blood of saints and prophets.
That is why God gives them blood to drink.

4. Scorching sun

- Third-degree burns
The sun burns so strongly that people get third-degree burns.
- People blaspheme the Name of God.
They did not repent to give Him glory.

5. Kingdom of the Beast darkened

- The kingdom of the Antichrist (Rev. 17:11).
- They are still in pain from the boils and the scorching sun
- But they did not repent.

6. Euphrates dries up

- Prepares the way for armies
from the East – probably China/India
- Demons seduce all government leaders
to bring their armies to Armageddon.

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7. It is done!

God gives the command for the final judgments:

- Biggest earthquake ever
Babylon (Rome) splits into 3 pieces
Other cities that are part of the empire collapse
Islands disappear
Mountains are no longer to be found
- 100-pound hailstones fall on people
The punishment for blasphemy was stoning
- People still blaspheme God!

8. Jesus' return

- Jesus comes with His angels and the saints.
- Armageddon
It will be the shortest battle of all time
Jesus speaks 1 word and His enemies are immediately burned and eaten by vultures
- Punishment of the main culprits
Antichrist and the False Prophet are thrown alive into the lake of fire.
Satan is bound and locked in a bottomless pit.
- Resurrection
Old Testament saints
Tribulation martyred saints
- tribulation survivors for Goat-and-Sheep judgment
The saved (sheep) go to the Millennium.
The unsaved (goats) go to the lake of fire.
It is possible that resurrected Old-Testament believers and resurrected tribulation believers will be judged here —not condemned (Rev. 20:4), just as they were at the Judgment Seat of Christ in Heaven after the Rapture.
- Who goes to the Millennium?
Rapture saints
Tribulation saints (resurrected and survived
Old Testament saints

Thing to Come

9. Intermezzo-2

The Whore of Babylon

- Corrupt religious-political system (world religion)
Controls life(styles) of people for most countries
Unbelievably rich
Drunk on blood of martyrs
Sacrifices principles for political power and wealth
- Destroyed by satanic deception of the Antichrist
Seduces Babylon for more power
Uses her for his plans
Destroys her when she is no longer needed

Mystery of the Beast

- Babylon (the Beast) refers to:
 - Political, religious, and economic
 - Roman Empire, revived
 - Antichrist, their leader
 - Spirit of Antichrist, a demon
- 10 kingdoms
Antichrist conquers 3 of those kingdoms becoming the 8th kingdom (Dan. 7:7-8)
7 remaining kingdoms remain.
- Possibilities
 - Restored Roman Empire
 - Member states of BRICS (10 members)
 - Brazil
 - Russia
 - India
 - China
 - South Africa
 - Egypt
 - Ethiopia
 - Indonesia
 - Iran
 - United Arab Emirates
 - Unofficial member:
 - Saudi Arabia (possibly the little horn from Dan. 7:8)

Thing to Come

Destruction of Babylon

Happens during the seventh bowl.

The political, religious and economic system of the Beast and the capital of the Beast are destroyed because:

- She has become a dwelling place of demons
She commits spiritual adultery
Seduces others to commit adultery with her
Worships the image of the Beast
Her sins are many and great
She boasts that she cannot be destroyed
- Believers are ordered to leave the city
They do not give in to pressure to sin
They do not receive the plagues

Thing to Come

10. Millennium

Some Characteristics

It will be like Paradise before the Fall. (Eph. 1:10)

- No Curse
The curse on the Earth is removed
- Animals
All animals eat only green plants and are not dangerous
- No Diseases
There will be no diseases or sicknesses
- No demonic influence
Satan can do nothing during these 1000 years
But those with unglorified bodies can sin:
 - Surviving Tribulation Saints
 - Those born in the Millennium
- Peace
There is no social, political or religious oppression
No war
We all speak the same language
Global economic prosperity
- We will work

Thing to Come

Inhabitants

There are 2 groups of people in the Millennium

- Glorified Saints
Rapture Saints, Resurrected Old Testament Saints, and Resurrected Tribulation Saints
Their bodies are glorified
They can no longer sin
They live forever
Do not have children
They rule with Jesus (priests and kings)
- Surviving Tribulation Saints
Remain with their old bodies
They retain their sinful nature
They can sin and even die
They can have children
Every deformity of the body is restored
- Millennium Saints
They can sin and even die
They can have children

Satan's Final Rebellion

- Seduces the Nations
At the end of the Millennium Satan is released from his prison
Many mortals rebel against Jesus.
The people with glorified bodies cannot be seduced.
The rebellious mortals surround Jerusalem but are consumed by fire.
Satan is cast into the lake of fire – forever.

Thing to Come

Great White Throne

- Trial of the living and the dead, the unbelievers and possibly the judgment of the Millennium Saints.
The dead will be given new bodies that will not decay.
Unbelievers from the following eras will be judged according to the works of those who are written in the books:
 - Old Testament
 - New Testament
 - Tribulation
 - Millennium
- The judgment of the Saints – not conviction
Their names are in the book of life
 - Rapture Saints
Judged at the judgmentseat of Christ
 - Old Testament Saints
resurrected Tribulation Saints
revived Trabulation Saint:
Possibly judged at the goat-and-sheep judgment
 - Millennium Saints, those who were born in the Millennium
possibly judgment probably at the Great White Throne
- Book of Life
Whoever is not in the book of life is cast into the lake of fire

Thing to Come

11. Eternity

Lake of fire

- Ultimate justice
 - Eternal separation from God
People did not *want* a relationship with God, they do not *get* a relationship with God
They did *not believe* God, then God would *not exist* for them, so to speak
 - Retribution
In addition, everyone gets back for what he did in his life
 - Non-stop
The most terrifying thing is that this never ends.
This should prompt us to warn unbelievers
and to encourage Christians to evangelize.

Thing to Come

New Jerusalem

- City from the New Heaven
God's dwelling place/house
- Dwellings
for the Bride of Christ
- Enlightened by God
Sun and moon are not needed
It never becomes night
- Specifications
The city is a cube with an edge of approximately 2220 km. (length, width, height)

Rev. 21:15-17 (CSB)

15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. **16** And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. **17** And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

=> The size is the same as for humans. A stadia is about 185 meters.

So the edge of the cube is approximately 2220 km.

To give you an impression: It has a surface that could cover the United States.

The Bible does not say how big the New Earth is. Could be bigger than the old!

The city and the street are pure gold, like transparent glass.

The foundations of the wall are set with 12 kinds of precious stones.

Thing to Come

New Heaven and Earth

- God makes all things new (Rev. 21:5)
- Size of Earth
The Bible does not say how big the New Earth will be.
- 3 groups of people on the New Earth
Gentile nations, living outside Jerusalem
Israel, possibly living outside Jerusalem
The Church lives in the New Jerusalem
They rule with Jesus over the other 2 groups
- Tree of Life
The mortals from the Millennium eat of the fruit to gain eternal life.
The leaves of the tree are for their healing.
- What is NOT on the New Earth:
death, mourning,
trouble, sin
seduction, We can't even sin
in short, the misery of the Old Earth
No more sea: [Allen thinks of both possibilities]
Figuratively => no heathen nations, no unbelievers
Literally => there are no more oceans, but there are lakes and rivers
- Fellowship with God
There is nothing that will come between Him and us.
That is the greatest reward we can receive.
- Confirmation of God: (Rev. 21:3)
The tabernacle of God is with men
and He will dwell with them
and they shall be His people,
and God Himself will be with them
and be their God.
- It's as if God is saying: It's more than 100% certain that I will be with you.
And: It's more than 100% certain that He loves us and longs for us.