LIFE IN THE FAMILY: AFTER THE RAPTURE

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EVER WONDER WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN AFTER THE RAPTURE?

I did.



So I started reading and studying and thinking and praying.

Here are my notes with the supporting scripture
following the timeline from the Left Behind Series.

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INTRODUCTION: Hope—Why it's important to understand what's going to happen at the end of time.

As we're facing small wars and rumors of war in our world, conflict on our streets, attacks and murders by those who seem to hate anyone they come across, and disregard for human life, we need hope.

This state of our world is why I'm sharing this study with you as part of my *Life in the Family* series. I need hope, and I bet you do too. Understanding what God has in mind when everything seems to be in chaos give me this hope.

When I was writing my third devotional, *Another Walk With the Father*, that includes the letters written by the men who knew Jesus personally and who walked with Him here on earth (<u>www.WalksWithTheFather.com</u>), I noticed that these men included some topics that hadn't been in Paul's letters (probably because he was executed before these topics became evident). In Peter's 2nd letter and John's 3 short letters, I noticed their concern and warnings about the condition of the church at the end of the 1st century. I thought, "If this is what they saw coming, what hope does the church have?"

Then I decided to include in the devotional John's letters to the 7 churches that are in Revelation 1-3. The prologue in chapter 1 tells us that God is not done yet, and what John recorded in the rest of this book will show us what is to come.

The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near. Revelation 1:1-3

"The time is near." What encouraging words for those who read the words of this prophecy out loud and then take it to heart. God isn't ignoring us, and He won't let evil continue forever. His forbearance and patience are intended to lead us to repentance.

Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? Romans 2:4

Do you need some encouragement today? Then this introduction and the notes of what's going to happen are a gift from our heavenly Father for you and for me.

John's revelation gives hope.

Here's what I wrote in the introduction to "Revelation" in Another Walk With the Father:

These first chapters about the seven churches provide a backdrop for how believers were living at the time—the highs and the lows. Their examples can be a wake-up call for us or can encourage us to persevere. Two churches were doing well, but five churches received pointed warnings from Jesus.

Jesus gave John this insight (Revelation 1:1-2) while John was imprisoned at a Roman hard-labor penal colony on the island of Patmos. The believers may have viewed John's banishment as a horrible event, but from it we have this wonderful letter. John would have received this revelation in A.D 95 or 96.

What would the New Testament be without Revelation? If the last letters we had were 2 Peter, John's letters, and Jude, we'd wonder if Christianity would endure.

Revelation acts as a transition from now to what will be just as Acts transitions us from the Gospels to life in the Spirit. In the Gospels we see the babe in the manger, the good shepherd, the teacher of the disciples, the model of humility, and the Son of God who died on the cross. The apostles' letters lay out the deep significance of the resurrected Christ and what He accomplished.

Revelation shows Jesus Christ from a totally new perspective: He is the mighty ruler of all. He fights the final fight and wins. His enemies are defeated, and His followers are vindicated. When John sees him in this exalted state, he falls at Jesus' feet as though dead. (Revelation 1:17) But John didn't stay on his face. Jesus raised him up and showed him what is to come; then John came back to tell us.

(The initial insights in this introduction come from the New International Version Student Bible, author's notes on pages 1348 and 1350, and then I amplified them for the devotional.)

But that's not all.

The Gospels and Acts give hope.

In *Matthew 24*, Jesus tells His disciples that every generation will believe that the end times are coming. Here's how Jesus described what they and we will be experiencing:

⁴ Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. ⁶ You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of birth pains.

Matthew 24:4-8

Also in Matthew 24, Jesus tells His disciples about the upcoming destruction of the temple (that happens in 70 A.D.) and the signs of the end times. In chapters 24 and 25, Jesus tells them 3 parables about being ready. Mark 13 covers the same information, and Luke covers the information in chapter 21 of his Gospel.

In Acts 1, Dr. Luke tells us what happened after the last time the disciples saw Jesus after He was resurrected:

After he said this [the promise of the Holy Spirit], he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:9-11

So, Jesus will come back to earth the same way He left.

But before that wonderful time when Jesus returns, the followers of Jesus are told about an event that we know as the Rapture.

We're told about this event in three places in the New Testament: twice in Paul's letters and once from Jesus in the Gospels.

Taking Spirit-filled believers out of this world removes the world's moral barriers, allowing sin to explode and the Antichrist to come on the scene.

My overall summary: Since this time can be so confusing, before we look at the scriptures that tell us about this event, I want to give you my understanding of what's going to happen:

- First the Lord will come from the heavens toward the earth (but not step on the earth) to command the bodies of those who have fallen asleep since His resurrection to join Him with their souls.
- Then the believers who are still alive ("brothers and sisters") will join Jesus "in the air" to be with Him forever.
- The 2nd time Jesus comes back and His feet touch the earth happens at the final battle in Book 12 of our series.

Rapture - 1st reference

Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 4 that at an unknown time, Jesus will come from the heavens in the clouds, but His feet won't touch the earth, and He won't stay.

In these verses, Paul answers the Thessalonians' questions about what happens for those who have already fallen asleep, the phrase/description used for believers who have passed away. Paul gives them the following answer that's the most information we have about what's known as the Rapture:

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Since this passage is a little confusing to understand, let's break it down.

The believers Paul talks about actually sleep in death; this knowledge gives us hope because they (and we) can wake up. Their bodies stayed here on earth, but their souls went to be with Jesus. Their bodies stayed here on earth, but their souls went to be with Jesus.
 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. v. 13

- 2. When Jesus returns (not the final battle), God will have Him bring the souls of those who fell asleep (died) between the time when Jesus was resurrected and when He returns.

 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. V. 14
- 3. Those currently alive will be taken up next.

 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. v. 15
- 4. Jesus will come down from heaven with 3 events:
 - A loud command from Him [perhaps to call those who know Him just like He had to call Lazarus by name so that not all of the dead would come forth].
 - The voice of the archangel (Michael). Ray Stedman, in his book, What on Earth's Going to Happen?, tells us about Michael: "Michael appears a number of times in the Bible and always in connection with the people of Israel."
 - And the trumpet call of God. [More about this trumpet call in the 2nd reference to the Rapture.]

(Ray Stedman's book was published in 1970, and the chapters were sermons he gave at Peninsula Bible Church in Palo Alto, Ca. This quote is from Chapter 5, "That Strange People," page 71.)

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, v. 16

- Then the dead (bodies and ashes from those who had been cremated) in Christ will rise first (to meet their spirits who are coming with Jesus).
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- 6. After that, those who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with the others just mentioned in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.
 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. v. 17
- 7. So we (who are still alive) and they (those who died since the resurrection) will be with the Lord forever. What an encouragement!
 And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. v.18

Rapture - 2nd reference

In 2 Corinthians 15, Paul gives us another description of what we know as the Rapture:

"Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed." 2 Corinthians 15:51-52

Hal Lindsey, in his book *The Late Great Planet Earth*, published in 1970, provided us with the meaning behind some of these words (Chapter 11, "The Ultimate Trip," pages 129-130):

- The phrases in a flash and the twinkling of an eye are based on the Greek word "atomos, or moment, which is the word from which we get "atom." In the Greek it means that which is indivisible, in other words, it will happen so quickly, in a flash of time which is so short it can't be divided."
- The phrase the last trumpet, "refers to . . . the practice of God in the Old Testament. When the Israelites were on their march from Egypt over to the land of Palestine, every morning before they started on their journey they would have seven trumpets blow—to prepare to break camp, fold up their tents, etc. When the seventh trumpet, which was the last trumpet, sounded, this means—move out! The idea in this passage is that when God has the last trumpet blow it means He will move out all the Christians—and at that point we shall be changed."
- The word *changed* "means to be changed in essence, but not to be completely changed in appearance. This strengthens the truth which is spoken of in other places that in eternity we are going to recognize people we knew here on earth."

Rapture - 3rd reference (Gospels)

Ray Stedman's book, What on Earth's Going to Happen?, tells us about a third look at the Rapture from Matthew 24. Jesus introduces it with a warning that can't be tied to any specific date (Chapter 4, "When the Dam Breaks," page 63, and Chapter 9, "A Thief in the Night," various pages). Jesus starts by talking about Noah who didn't know when the flood will start. Then He says,

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.... so will be the coming of the Son of man. Then two men will be in the field, one is taken and one is left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one is taken and one is left. Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." Matthew 24:36-42

After this description, Jesus tells three parables about being watchful: the Wise Servant, the Ten Virgins, and Bags of Gold given to servants.

In *Luke 17*, the same warning is given, but Luke adds this piece of information:

"I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left." Luke 17:34-35

What's new about this passage? The event happens all over the world at the exact same time: some people are sleeping during the night and others are outside working during the day.

In *Mark 13*, Mark also tells us that we have no idea when this will take place, but the events preceding the beginning of the Rapture will be like birth pains as they start to happen more quickly and grow in intensity.

When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. Mark 13:7-8

So what about us? Early in the storyline we meet Bruce, as assistant pastor in a church. He had "done" all the right things but didn't take a walk with Jesus seriously. He was left behind and immediately realized his mistake. His 180° turn spiritually turned him into the pastor who could help those coming to the church for answers. Let's not be a "Bruce."

An aside: Here's the question I had that was answered . . . eventually in the last chapter of the last book

As I read through these references to the Rapture, my question was, "What about those believers who died *before* Jesus was resurrected, including those from the Old Testament." When did they get to go to heaven, or did they? The authors of *Left Behind* answered this for me in the last chapter of the book. You'll have to read the last book to find out the answer since this was the thinking of the authors.

What happens after the Rapture when those in Christ and their moral lives are removed from the earth? Chaos.

After the spirit-filled believers join Jesus in the clouds, the restraint against evil is gone and sin is allowed to rule. Those who are left behind have the chance to learn from what's happened and put their faith in Jesus. They can see and experience what they have missed out on because chaos now rules. Most, however, don't take the opportunity to be on the right side of the final battle and live lives of selfishness and hatred, everything that is the opposite of what Jesus calls us to be in the list that Paul wrote to the Philippians:

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is **true**, whatever is **noble**, whatever is **right**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is **admirable**—if anything is **excellent** or **praiseworthy**—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:8-9 [emphasis in boldface is mine]

What does this chaos look like? Ray Stedman describes it this way in What on Earth's Going to Happen?, Chapter 8, "The Power and the Glory," page 112:

"The tribulation will be essentially the manifestation of the naked brutality of man, the exhibition of the cruelty and unbelievable violence of the human heart unstrained by grace . . . It will be a time when the horrors of Nazi persecution, reflected in the gas chambers . . . will be repeated all over the earth; a time when violence stalks the streets, and the nuclear witches of terror scream through the skies. As Jesus said, it will be a day of unprecedented human evil, of terrible slaughter and human suffering."

This chaos makes the way for the Antichrist to come as he promises peace and an end to the misery that everyone is experiencing. When he makes a peace treaty with Israel and promises that the temple can be rebuilt, the 7 years of the Tribulation will begin. God's response to the Antichrist's lies are the seal and trumpets judgments and the bowls of wrath that are poured out as described in the *Left Behind* series. These responses are God's way of trying to get the attention of those who have been refusing to humble themselves and turn to His Son, Jesus. God's always at work wooing us to Himself.

Paul's words give hope that when Jesus returns to earth for the final battle all will be made right.

When I was working on a study about the life of Paul, I came across this verse in that Paul wrote at the end of his life that gave him hope:

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:6-8

So, Jesus will return as the righteous judge, the One who will set all things right.

Paul told us in the first chapter of Galatians that everything he knew came directly from Jesus, so knowing about the judging and the awarding of the crown of righteous "on that day" came directly from Jesus.

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. Galatians 1:11-12

Behind the scenes—the greatest hope of all

Most of what happens in the *Left Behind* books comes from what John wrote in the last book of our Bible, "Revelation." After the letters to the 7 churches in chapters 1-3, John writes:

¹After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." ² At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. Revelation 4:1-2

Timeline of the Tribulation

Before the 7-year Tribulation starts, our storyline in the first book of the series tells us about two events that will probably happen:

- First the attack from the North that happens about 14 months before the Rapture (chapter 1).
- Then the Rapture itself (chapter 2).

In the storyline, the Rapture is quickly followed by chaos because of the loss of those who had been first responders and all the car, airline, and train accidents since so many drivers, pilots, and engineers who were pulled out of their jobs so quickly.

This chaos from the Rapture leads to the rise of the man who becomes the Antichrist. We have no idea about the length of time between the Rapture and the beginning of the Tribulation, but our authors seem to think that it'll take a few months for this man to begin to consolidate influence and power.

What happens next can be so confusing: the Seal Judgements, Trumpet Judgements, Bowls of Wrath, two witnesses, mark of the beast, and the seal of God. These notes should make all of these clear.

The timing of what happens can be a little confusing since details come from different books of the Bible, as well as from Revelation 4 to the end of the John's writing. As we've seen, the Rapture is mentioned in both the gospels and Paul's letters, and the signing of the agreement that starts the Tribulation is from Daniel 9 (more about this prophesy in the following notes).

I'll use the following timeline throughout the notes to help us understand what is happening when. Look for what's in boldface on the timeline to understand what's going to happen. The timeline is based on what I learned from the *Left Behind* series.

7 Years (84 Months) of the Tribulation

Beginning of The Tribulation period

- A covenant is signed between the new world leader who becomes the Antichrist and Israel as a protection against a future attack (Daniel 9:27) (In the storyline, the agreement is made because Israel has something that the future Antichrist wants.)
- The 2 witnesses sent by God to Israel appear in Jerusalem. [They may have come before the agreement was signed that starts the Tribulation.]
- The 144,000 witnesses (12,000 from each Jewish tribe) begin to speak of God's power and love around the world after listening to the 2 witnesses. [God had the hearts of these witnesses ready to go.]

First 21 months
The 7 Seal Judgments
take place

Next 21 months
The 7 Trumpet Judgments
take place.
Between the 5th and 6th
Trumpet Judgements, the
believers receive a seal
from God, like a smudge,
so they can recognize
each other.

Next 21 months
Guillotines are set up all
over the world to execute
anyone not taking the
mark of the beast.
God creates a place for
believers to stay safe.
7 bowls of wrath begin to
be poured out.

Last 21 months
The abomination of desolation takes place (Antichrist enters temple).
Jesus Christ returns for final battle.
Final bowl of wrath (#7) is poured out in the last month of the Tribulation.

Mid-Point of the Tribulation

- The 2 witnesses are killed, stay dead for 3 days, God brings them brought back to life, then they are resurrected.
- Nicolae (future Antichrist) is assassinated, image of him is made and is then indwelled by Satan.
- The mark of the beast is instituted to physically show who is following the Antichrist. The Antichrist commands that those without this mark are to be executed. [Satan likes to imitate what God has done; in this case, God's seal on believers' foreheads (like a smudge) and the mark of the beast on nonbelievers.]

End of the Tribulation

- After the final battle is over and Jesus is victorious, He judges those people remaining, beginning with
 the antichrist and his minions. Then He separates the sheep (His followers) from the goats (those who
 refuse to make a decision and wouldn't help Jewish believers during the Tribulation).
- The Millenium Reign (1000 years) begins when Jesus Christ is in charge and life is like what we'd all like to live through; that time is covered in a sequel book, *Kingdom Come: The Final Victory*, by our authors.

If the Rapture were to happen tomorrow or next week, would you be like Bruce (who had to learn hard lessons from his mistake, stepped up to the challenge, and then live through part of the chaos of the Tribulation) or would you be ready for the ride of your life?

Now onto our study of what's to come.

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Before we begin, here's what you need to know about these notes. Much of what happens in the storyline is first described in a sermon or discussion before the events actually happen. In these situations, I'll include the scripture references (in italics) at the first references and then tell you which book in the series includes the actual events.

Chapter 1—storyline

Before our storyline begins, the authors tell us about one of the characters being in Haifa when a great army from the north invades Israel in the middle of the night with help of Persia, Libya, and Ethiopia. From what I've read, this army is probably from a Russian-Iranian coalition. The description of this attack comes twice in Ezekiel 38-39.

Since one of these events may have already happened in history, the second one hasn't and so isn't included in John's "Revelation." It probably happens before the Rapture and the Tribulation. I encourage you to read these two chapters before continuing; they're long and involved so I won't include the text here. I've found that reading these chapters in different versions, such as The Living Bible and The Message, really helps me understand what is going on. But here's a summary I found on the website named My Jewish Learning about Gog and Magog (https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/gog-and-magog):

"According to the prophecy contained in the 38th and 39th chapters of the Book of Ezekiel, on a "distant day" when the Jewish people are living secure in Israel, Gog will invade Israel and God will furiously retaliate against them. The invaders will be destroyed and the Jews will spend months burying the dead. Repeatedly God declares that through the battle "the nations shall know that I the Lord am holy in Israel." In its wake, Ezekiel promises the restoration of the descendants of Jacob, the Jewish exiles will be gathered back to their land, and never again will God's face be hidden from the Jewish people."

The only time that I know of when Jewish exiles were gathered back to the Promised Land are from when the northern 10 tribes were in Babylon and when the Jewish people made their way back to the land in the late 1940s before they were officially given the land as Israel in 1948.

So what nations are included in these two Ezekiel chapters? Here's what I found from Crosswalk.com (https://www.crosswalk.com/headlines/contributors/guest-commentary/gog-and-magog-who-are-they-andwhat-do-they-have-to-do-with-the-last-days.html):

- Gog (Russia) is King of the North; Magog (an Arab-African coalition) is the King of the South.
- Persia is a reference to modern-day Iran.
- Cush describes present-day Ethiopia and the black nations of Central Africa.
- Put and Libya are located in northern Africa.
- Gomer is the people who settled in Germany.
- Beth Togarmah is Asia Minor and Turkey.

The description of what happens in this event is in the series' second book, Tribulation Force, Chapter 5.

Chapter 2—storyline

The Rapture happens and its results are described. [Please see my notes in the Introduction about these verses.]

"Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed." 2 Corinthians 15:51-52

After the Rapture, the Tribulation is about to happen. Here's the information from out timeline.

Beginning of Tribulation Period

This next chapter is the first mention of the two witnesses in our storyline that drive the future Antichrist crazy and the 144,000 Jewish witnesses who spring up after hearing the two witnesses to spread the love of God all over the world.

- A covenant is signed between the new world leader who becomes the Antichrist and Israel as a protection against a future attack (Daniel 9:27) (In the storyline, the agreement is made because Israel has something that the future Antichrist wants.)
- The 2 witnesses sent by God to Israel appear in Jerusalem. [They may have come before the agreement was signed that starts the Tribulation.]
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Chapter 17—overview of what's to come

Information in the first part of this chapter is based on an overview of a CNN newscast in the storyline.

- First mention of 2 men in front of the Wailing Wall: Eli and Moshe. [The Wailing Wall is the most holy Jewish site in the nation.]
 - ³ And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."
 - ⁴ They are "the two olive trees" and the two lampstands, and "they stand before the Lord of the earth."
 - ⁵ If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. ⁶ They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want." Revelation 11:3-6
- Soon 144,000 Jews will spring up, who become believers in Christ and who will spread the word to the rest of the world.
 - "Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel." Revelation 7:4; verses 5-8 break out the number of those sealed (12,000) from each tribe.

Later in the chapter, Bruce's teaching (the pastor we meet who hadn't taken Jesus serious before the Rapture) summarizes what's to come in the 7 years of the Great Tribulation:

- First 21 months: 7 Seal Judgments (Judgments of the Seven-Sealed Scroll or a scroll with 7 seals)
- Next 21 months: 7 Trumpet Judgments
- Last 4 months: 7 Vial Judgments
- At the end: Glorious Appearing of Christ
- Then Christ's 1000-year reign referred to as the Millenium [This is the time after all those who haven't chosen Him here on earth have been dealt with—last chapter of Book 12.]
- Before this all starts, Antichrist has to come to power, promising peace and trying to unite the world after the chaos from the Rapture.
- Nicolae (Antichrist) is described as the great deceiver; when his goals are revealed, he'll be opposed, resulting in a fight that will be like WWIII.

The First 4 Seal Judgements describe riders on 4 horses: [Actual seal judgments start in Book 2, Chapter 16.]

- Seals are opened by the Lamb, Jesus
 - ¹ I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Revelation 6:1
- Seal 1 is the white horseman, the Antichrist who ushers in 1-3 months of diplomacy while getting organized and promising peace. This will be a fairly quiet period of time after the Rapture. ¹ I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, "Come!" ² I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest." Revelation 6:1-2
- <u>Seal 2 is the red horseman</u> of war. Antichrist will be opposed by 3 rulers from the south, and millions will be killed (WWIII) over 3-6 months because of nuclear weapons that are available to him. This war will usher in Seal 3. The calm didn't last very long.
 - ³ When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" ⁴ Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. To him was given a large sword." Revelation 6:3-4
- Seal 3 is the black horseman of inflation and famine. Rich will get richer, and poor will starve to death. Millions will die. Those living will need to stockpile food to endure. Famine could continue for as long as 2 or 3 months and will usher in Seal 4.
 - ⁵ When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. ⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "Two pounds of wheat for a day's wages, and six pounds of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!" Revelation 6:5-6
- <u>Seal 4 is the pale horseman</u>, the symbol of death. Plague will sweep the entire world. By the end of the plague, 1/4 of world's entire population will be dead. What sorrow, and horror, for those still living. ⁷When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" ⁸I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth. Revelation 6:7-8

- Seal 5 Judgment: Millions of converts from the 144,000 Jewish witnesses will be martyred by the world leader and the harlot, which is the name for the one world religion that denies Christ. Their preaching will make them obvious.
 - ⁹ When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. ¹⁰ They called out in a loud voice, "How long, "Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?" 11 Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been. Revelation 6:9-11
- Seal 6 Judgment: God pours out His wrath against the killing of His saints in a worldwide earthquake. What a reaction!
 - ¹² I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, ¹³ and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. ¹⁴ The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. ¹⁵ Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. ¹⁶ They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?" Revelation 6:12-17
- Hope during this time before the Seal 7 Judgement comes from the two witnesses. (More information about this is in Book 2, *Tribulation Force*) 5 If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how
 - anyone who wants to harm them must die. ⁶ They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want. Revelation 11:5-6
- Seal 7 Judgment: Introduces the 7 Trumpet Judgments in the second quarter of the 7-year tribulation period. Silence for 30 minutes precedes the Trumpet Judgments.
 - ¹ When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. ² And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. Revelation 8:1-2

*Chapter 19--*storyline

• Two witnesses are attacked but not harmed; crowds surged into the area in front of the Wailing Wall to listen to them; the first of the 144,000 Jewish converts are listening to the two witnesses.

Chapter 23—Bruce's information on the prophesy of what's to happen.

- Followers of the Antichrist will have to bear the mark of the beast. ¹⁶ It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, ¹⁷ so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name. Revelation 13:16-17
- Russian/Israel conflict (from chapter 1) happens 14 months before this storyline. [Russia is Rosh in Ezekiel's prophesy.]

- Antichrist will divide the world into 10 kingdoms [or the 10-division confederation of revived Roman Empire.] The Antichrist is the 11th ruler that is mentioned in the following passage.
 - ²⁰ I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its head and about the other horn that came up, before which three of them fell—the horn that looked more imposing than the others and that had eyes and a mouth that spoke boastfully. ²¹ As I watched, this horn was waging war against the holy people and defeating them, ²² until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the holy people of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom. ²³ "He gave me this explanation: 'The fourth beast is a fourth kingdom that will appear on earth. It will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it. ²⁴ The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings. Daniel 7:20-24
- [Per Wikipedia, the four kingdoms mentioned in the previous passage are Babylon, Medo-Persia,
 Greece, and Rome; this information is according to most traditional Jewish and Christian expositors for over two millennia.]
- Plans are being made for rebuilding the final temple in Israel.
 ²⁸ Then the nations will know that I the LORD make Israel holy, when my sanctuary is among them forever. Ezekiel 37:28

Revelation 21:22

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• In Revelation 21, we're told that the temple won't be rebuilt in the New Jerusalem after Jesus returns (not covered in this book series), but it will be rebuilt during the Tribulation.

22 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

End of Book 1

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Chapter 3—message

In Bruce's message, he makes the first mention of the 7 Trumpet Judgments, trumpets that will be blown by angels (Revelation 8, 9, and 11) and 7 Bowls of Wrath or Plaques that will be poured out by angels (Revelation 15 and 16)

¹ When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. ² And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

³ Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand. 5 Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

⁶ And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them. Revelation 8:1-6

Here's the information about what happens when the trumpets are blown by the angels beginning in Book 4, Soul Harvest, Chapter 20.

- First angel sounded his trumpet Revelation 8
 - ⁷ The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down on the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.
- Second angel sounded his trumpet Revelation 8
 - ⁸ The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood, 9 a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.
- Third angel sounded his trumpet Revelation 8
 - ¹⁰ The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky <mark>on a third</mark> of the rivers and on the springs of water— 11 the name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.
- <u>Fourth angel sounded his trumpet</u> Revelation 8
 - ¹² The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night. ¹³ As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: "Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!"

<u>Fifth angel sounded his trumpet</u> – Revelation 9

¹ The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. ² When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. ³ And out of the smoke locusts came down on the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. ⁴ They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. [We'll talk about this seal of God late on.] ⁵ They were not allowed to kill them but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes. ⁶ During those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them.

⁷ The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces. ⁸ Their hair was like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. ⁹ They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. ¹⁰ They had tails with stingers, like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months. ¹¹ They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon (that is, Destroyer).

• Sixth angel sounded his trumpet – Revelation 9

¹³ The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the four horns of the golden altar that is before God. ¹⁴ It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." ¹⁵ And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind. ¹⁶ The number of the mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand. I heard their number. [200 million]

¹⁷ The horses and riders I saw in my vision looked like this: Their breastplates were fiery red, dark blue, and yellow as sulfur. The heads of the horses resembled the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, smoke and sulfur. ¹⁸ A third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of fire, smoke and sulfur that came out of their mouths. ¹⁹ The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails were like snakes, having heads with which they inflict injury.

²⁰ The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk. ²¹ Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.

¹² The first woe is past; two other woes are yet to come.

• <u>Seventh angel sounded his trumpet</u> – Revelation 11

¹⁵ The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever."

¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying: "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. ¹⁸ The nations were angry, and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your people who revere your name, both great and small—and for destroying those who destroy the earth."

¹⁹Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm.

7 Bowls of Wrath or Plague to be poured out by angels – Revelation 15 and 16

¹ Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels who had seven plagues, which are the last, because in them the wrath of God is finished. Revelation 15:1

¹ Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth. Revelation 16:1

These bowls of wrath or plagues poured out by angels begin in Book 9, Desecration, Chapter 2.

• First angel with bowl — Revelation 16

² The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly, festering sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.

Second angel with bowl— Revelation 16

³ The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead pe<mark>rson, and every living thing in the sea died.</mark>

Third angel with bowl— Revelation 16

⁴ The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. ⁵ Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say: "You are just in these judgments, O Holy One, you who are and who were; ⁶ for they have shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve." ⁷ And I heard the altar respond: "Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments."

• Fourth angel with bowl— Revelation 16

⁸ The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire.

⁹ They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plaques, but they refused to repent and glorify him.

- Fifth angel with bowl— Revelation 16
 - ¹⁰ The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in agony ¹¹ and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.
- Sixth angel with bowl— Revelation 16
 - ¹² The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. ¹³ Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. ¹⁴ They are demonic spirits that perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty. 15 "Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed." ¹⁶ Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.
- Seventh angel with bowl— Revelation 16
 - ¹⁷ The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!" 18 Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake. ¹⁹ The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath. ²⁰ Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found. ²¹ From the sky huge hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds, fell on people. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.

Chapter 4—message

- The prophet Daniel in the Old Testament says the Antichrist will sign a treaty with Israel, appear to be their friend and protector, but will end up being their conqueror and destroyer. [Signing this treaty starts the 7-year Tribulation.]
 - ²⁴ "Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and proph<mark>ecy and</mark> to anoint the Most Holy Place. ²⁵ "Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. 26 After the sixtytwo 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. ²⁷ He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him. Revelation 9:24-27

Chapter 5—storyline description of the attack(s) described in Ezekiel 38 and 39

- The same attack is described twice in Ezekiel 38 and 39. Why 2 descriptions of the same attack? Well, this is prophesy from scripture, which means it is going to happen. Moses told his people that if a prophesy is from God, it will happen. If a prophet's words don't come true, well read what will happen next:
 - ²⁰ But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death." Deuteronomy 18:20
- One commentator I read said that one attack may have happened in Israel's history, but the second attack is yet to come. Our *Left Behind* authors, and Joel Rosenberg in his novel *The Ezekiel Option*, seem to think that the attack happens before the Rapture. Other commentators think Ezekiel 38 and 39 are a description of Armageddon. What do you think?
- Magog, Meshech, and Tubal (mentioned in Ezekiel 38 and 39) were all sons of Japheth, who was one of the three sons of Noah. Japheth and his family migrated to the area of modern-day Russia (Genesis 10:2-3). Gog is the prince or ruler of the land of Magog, which means the "Prince of Rosh." (Gog) Rosh is the old root word for the land of Russia. For more information about the names mentioned in these two chapters of Ezekiel, I found the website crosswalk.com really interesting. Here's the URL:
 https://www.crosswalk.com/headlines/contributors/guest-commentary/gog-and-magog-who-are-they-and-what-do-they-have-to-do-with-the-last-days.html)
- God Almighty supernaturally protected the nation of Israel from the onslaught of the Russians that came in quickly from the north.
 - ¹⁴ "Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: In that day, when my people Israel are living in safety, will you not take notice of it? ¹⁵ You will come from your place in the far north, you and many nations with you, all of them riding on horses, a great horde, a mighty army. ¹⁶ You will advance against my people Israel like a cloud that covers the land. In days to come, Gog, I will bring you against my land, so that the nations may know me when I am proved holy through you before their eyes. Ezekiel 38:14-16

²¹ I will summon a sword against Gog on all my mountains, declares the Sovereign LORD. Every man's sword will be against his brother. ²² I will execute judgment on him with plague and bloodshed; I will pour down torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulfur on him and on his troops and on the many nations with him. ²³ And so I will show my greatness and my holiness, and I will make myself known in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD.' Ezekiel 38:21-23

• So much death happened among the troops from the north that the bodies had to be buried in a common grave, a crater gouged from the land by one of their bombs, which God rendered harmless.

11 "'On that day I will give Gog a burial place in Israel, in the valley of those who travel east of the Sea. It will block the way of travelers, because Gog and all his hordes will be buried there. So it will be called the Valley of Hamon Gog.

¹² "For seven months the Israelites will be burying them in order to cleanse the land. ¹³ All the people of the land will bury them, and the day I display my glory will be a memorable day for them, declares the Sovereign LORD. ¹⁴ People will be continually employed in cleansing the land. They will spread out across the land and, along with others, they will bury any bodies that are lying on the ground. Ezekiel 39:11-14

- Some of their bodies and bones had to be burned.
 - ²¹ I will summon a sword against Gog on all my mountains, declares the Sovereign LORD. Every man's sword will be against his brother. ²² I will execute judgment on him with plague and bloodshed; I will pour down torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulfur on him and on his troops and on the many nations with him. Ezekiel 38:21-22
- Here is God's retaliation against Magog:
 - "I will send fire on Magog and on those who live in safety in the coastlands, and they will know that I am the LORD." Ezekiel 39:6

[What could this retaliation really be in our terms—nuclear war?]

- The debris from their weapons of destruction was so massive that it was used as a raw resource to be refabricated into marketable goods. All of the attacking planes crashed with burnable fuel that could be used for five to eight more years.
 - ""(Then those who live in the towns of Israel will go out and use the weapons for fuel and burn them up—the small and large shields, the bows and arrows, the war clubs and spears. For seven years they will use them for fuel. ¹⁰ They will not need to gather wood from the fields or cut it from the forests, because they will use the weapons for fuel. And they will plunder those who plundered them and loot those who looted them, declares the Sovereign LORD. Ezekiel 39:9-10

Chapter 14—storyline

It hasn't rained in Jerusalem since the 2 witnesses started preaching. They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying Revelation 11:6

Beginning of the Tribulation period

From our timeline, chapter 16 covers the signing of the covenant that starts the Tribulation and includes the Seal Judgments

- A covenant is signed between the new world leader who becomes the Antichrist and Israel as a protection against a future attack (Daniel 9:27) (in the storyline, the agreement is made because Israel has something that the future Antichrist wants)
- The 2 witnesses sent by God to Israel appear in Jerusalem. [They may have come before the agreement was signed that starts the Tribulation.]
- The 144,000 witnesses (12,000 from each Jewish tribe) begin to speak of God's power and love around the world after listening to the 2 witnesses. [God had the hearts of these witnesses ready to go.]

7 Years (84 Months) of the Tribulation					
First 21 months The 7 Seal Judgments take place	Next 21 months The 7 Trumpet Judgments take place. Between the 5 th and 6 th Trumpet Judgements, the believers receive a seal from God, like a smudge, so they can recognize each other.	Next 21 months Guillotines are set up all over the world to execute anyone not taking the mark of the beast. God creates a place for believers to stay safe. 7 bowls of wrath begin to be poured out.	Last 21 months The abomination of desolation takes place (Antichrist enters temple). Jesus Christ returns for final battle. Final bowl of wrath (#7) is poured out in the last month of the Tribulation.		

Chapter 16—storyline of the seals starting to happen

- Signing of the covenant signals the beginning of the end of time.
 - ²⁷ He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him. Daniel 9:27 [The "abomination of desolation" refers to the pagan sacrifices that the 2nd century BC Greek king, Antiochus IV Epiphanes, replaced the twicedaily offering in the Jewish temple on the altar on which such offerings were made.]
- Seal 1 Judgment officially starts. The Lamb opens the first seal and reveals the white horseman who represents the Antichrist and his kingdom.
 - ¹I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, "Come!" 2 I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest. Revelation 6:1-2

Chapter 19—storyline

• <u>Seal 2</u>: "The Red Horse of the Apocalypse was on the rampage."

³ When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" ⁴ Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. To him was given a large sword. Revelation 6:3

The seal judgments continue in the next book. End of Book 2

BOOK 3—NICOLAE

Chapters 1-5-storyline

• The rider of the Red Horseman, who is war (<u>Seal 2 Judgment</u>) is described. This Judgment ushers in <u>Seal 3</u> and <u>Seal 4</u> as mentioned in Book 1 and described in chapter 15 of this book.

Chapter 14—information from prior teaching

• First mention of the mark of the beast on a person's forehead or back of hand

16 It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, 17 so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name. 18 This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666.

Revelation 13:16-18

[Have you ever wondered what the number 666 means? I sure have. I've been rereading Hal Lindsey's book *The Late Great Planet Earth*, and he gives this explanation: "Six is said to be the number of man in Scripture and a triad or three is the number for God. Consequently, when you triple "six" it is the symbol of man making himself God." (Chapter 9, "The Future Fuehrer," page 101 in the section "The False Prophet."]

Chapter 15—message [review of what's happening and what will happen]

- Revelation 6:1-16 indicates the next 3 Seal Judgements will occur during the first 21 months of the Tribulation.
- <u>Seal 2</u>: the Red Horseman of war (Revelation. 6:3-4)
 - It was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth; people should kill one another; was given a great sword to usher in a global war, WW III
 - The war will be instigated by the Antichrist, but then he will rise up to solve it as the great peacemaker; he is actually a deceiving liar.
 - This war ushers in next 2 horses that come almost at the same time.
- <u>Seal 3</u>: the rider of the Black Horse is plague and famine.
- Seal 4: the rider of the Pale Horse is death (Rev. 6:7-8).
 - The Black Horse and Pale Horse are the result of the war from <u>Seal 2</u> and will happen at the same time.
 - Power will be given to these 2 horsemen over a ¼ of earth to kill with sword, hunger, death, and the beasts of the earth (scavenger animals or weapons of the Antichrist). Many of these who are killed will be Tribulation saints.
- <u>Seal 5</u>: Highlights the death of the martyrs in white robes that has happened so far in the Tribulation (Revelation 6:9-11). These souls were asked to wait under the altar just a little longer so other martyrs could join them.
- Seal 6: the Wrath of the Lamb (Revelation 6:12-17). The Lamb answers back for all that has happened.
 - A great earthquake happens all over the earth.
 - The sun is blackened, moon looks like blood, stars fall to the earth, sky recedes, and every mountain and island are moved out of place. [No longer can solar power be used for communications.]
 - Everyone hides in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains.
- Seal 7: starts with silence in the heavens for half an hour (Revelation 8:1-6).
- Then 7 angels with trumpets will prepare to make their sound ushering in the Trumpet Judgments.

BOOK 3—NICOLAE

Chapter 19—storyline

• <u>Seal 6</u>: the great earthquake begins.

¹² I watched as he [the Lamb] opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, ¹³ and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. ¹⁴ The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

¹⁵ Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. ¹⁶ They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! ¹⁷ For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?" Revelation 6:12-17

Epilogue—storyline

Seal 7: When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. The seven angels standing before God were given seven trumpets. An angel with a censer filled it with fire from the altar and threw it to earth. The noises were thunderings, lightings, and an earthquake. "So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound." Revelation 8:1-6

This ends the first quarter of the Tribulation.

End of Book 3

BOOK 4—SOUL HARVEST

The next chapters cover the seal of God that looks like a smudge that begins appearing on the foreheads of believers. This seal allows them to recognize each other so they can work and worship together safely.

7 Years (84 Months) of the Tribulation				
First 21 months	Next 21 months	Next 21 months	Last 21 months	
The 7 Seal Judgments	The 7 Trumpet	Guillotines are set up all	The abomination of	
take place	Judgments take place.	over the world to	desolation takes place	
	Between the 5 th and 6 th	execute anyone not	(Antichrist enters	
	Trumpet Judgements,	taking the mark of the	temple).	
	the believers receive a	beast.	Jesus Christ returns for	
	seal from God, like a	God creates a place for	final battle.	
	smudge, so they can	believers to stay safe.	Final bowl of wrath (#7)	
	recognize each other.	7 bowls of wrath begin	is poured out in the last	
		to be poured out.	month of the Tribulation.	
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Chapter 9—storyline

Believers starting to see a mark like a smudge on each other's foreheads [like the Catholics do now on Ash Wednesday], but they couldn't see their own sign in a mirror. It's the seal from God that also keeps the believers safe during the Trumpet Judgments.

¹After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. ² Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: ³ "Do not harm the land or <mark>the sea</mark> or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." Revelation 7:3

Chapter 10—storyline

- This mark is the sign of sealed servants of God
 - ² Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: 3 "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." Revelation 7:2-3
- The seal from God keeps them safe with each other so they can move around.

BOOK 4—SOUL HARVEST

Chapter 20—storyline of the trumpets

- <u>Trumpets 1, 2, and 3</u> are blown by the angels one right after another.
 - ⁷The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down on the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up. Revelation 8:7
 - ⁸ The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood, ⁹ a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed. Revelation 8-9
 - ¹⁰ The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water— ¹¹ the name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter. Revelation 8:10-11
- There is still drought in the Holy Land.
- Israel is protected from the earthquake and meteors.

The trumpet judgements continue in the next book.

End of Book 4

BOOK 5—APOLLYON

(<u>From Wikipedia:</u> *Apollyon* is the Greek name for the fallen angel who guards an abyss of the same name and is king of an army of demonic locusts. His name means "Destroyer.")

Chapter 1—storyline

• Holy Land is spared damage from the wrath of the Lamb earthquake (<u>Seal 6 Judgement</u>). [We know this is true, and is another miracle, since the Holy Land has to be around for the final battle when Jesus returns to earth.]

Chapter 14—storyline

• Trumpet 4 targets the sky with all its lights. It's like someone pulled a shade down on the heavens.

12 The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night. Revelation 8:12

Chapter 16--storyline

• <u>Trumpet 5</u> blown by an angel.

¹The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. ² When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. ³ And out of the smoke locusts came down on the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. ⁴ They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. ⁵ They were not allowed to kill them but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes. ⁶ During those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them.

⁷ The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces. ⁸ Their hair was like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. ⁹ They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. ¹⁰ They had tails with stingers, like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months. ¹¹ They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon (that is, Destroyer). Revelation 9:1-11

Believers with their marks are still free to move around while others are confined; this is the last time
that believers will have a sense of freedom.

End of Book 5

BOOK 6—ASSASSINS

Chapter 1—Storyline is 4 months before the middle of the Tribulation.

Chapter 10—storyline

• Trumpet 6 begins

¹³ The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the four horns of the golden altar that is before God. ¹⁴ It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." ¹⁵ And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind. ¹⁶ The number of the mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand [200 million]. I heard their number.

¹⁷ The horses and riders I saw in my vision looked like this: Their breastplates were fiery red, dark blue, and yellow as sulfur. The heads of the horses resembled the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, smoke and sulfur. ¹⁸ A third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of fire, smoke and sulfur that came out of their mouths. ¹⁹ The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails were like snakes, having heads with which they inflict injury.

²⁰ The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk. ²¹ Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts. Revelation 9:13-21

 Revelation 17 and 18 predicted that Babylon will be the center of commerce, religion, and world trade; eventually it will fall to ruin.

¹After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor. ² With a mighty voice he shouted: "'Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!' She has become a dwelling for demons and a haunt for every impure spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable animal. ³ For all the nations have drunk the maddening wine of her adulteries. The kings of the earth committed adultery with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries." Revelation 18:1-3

Chapter 19—teaching

 The 10 kings (the ten horns in the following scripture reference) plan to kill the leader of the false religion (the beast) all at one time. Revelation 17:17

¹⁵ Then the angel said to me, "The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages. ¹⁶ The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire. ¹⁷ For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose by agreeing to hand over to the beast their royal authority, until God's words are fulfilled. ¹⁸ The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth." Revelation 17:15-18

BOOK 6—ASSASSINS

The next couple of chapters cover what happens at the Mid Point of the Tribulation.

- The 2 witnesses are killed, stay dead for 3 days, are brought back to life, and then resurrected.
- Nicolae (future Antichrist) is assassinated, image of him is made and is then indwelled by Satan.
- Mark of the beast is instituted to physically show who is following the Antichrist. Those without the mark of the beast are immediately executed.

Chapter 21—storyline of the gala

- Monday: 1260th day of preaching and the last day for the 2 witnesses to preach and prophesy before their due time.
 - ³ And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth." Revelation 11:3
- Tuesday: Peter the Second, leader of false religion, died (was killed) early in the day.

Chapter 22—storyline of the gala (events are from Revelation 11)

- Tuesday (continued): Nicolae says he'll put to end the 2 witnesses the next day.
- Wednesday: Nicolae, Fortunato, and 10 potentates come to the Wailing Wall. Nicolae shoots the 2 witnesses, without them protesting, in front of everyone. Their bodies are destroyed. ⁷ Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. 8 Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city—which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt—where also their Lord was crucified. Revelation 11:7-8
- Wednesday to Friday: Gala centered on decrying the 2 witnesses and praising Nicolae. The 2 witnesses' bodies decay in the sun. People refuse them a burial. ⁹ For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. Revelation 11:9
- People celebrate for 3 days as the bodies stay where they are and begin to decay. ¹⁰ The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth. Revelation 11:10

Chapter 23—storyline of the gala continues

- Friday: Corpses start moving, and their wounds mend. Eli and Moishe struggle to their knees and straighten their bodies. All signs of death disappear. They're described as "again tall and strong, victorious and noble and stately."
 - ¹¹ But after the three and a half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. 12 Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on. Revelation 11:11-12

BOOK 6—ASSASSINS

- An earthquake happens all over Jerusalem but centers on the east side of the city where the temple is.

 13 At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. Revelation 11:13
- Friday night: At this final event, Nicolae is assassinated by a fatal wound on the top of his head.

 ⁴ Because of the signs it [second beast] was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. Revelation 13:4



BOOK 7—THE INDWELLING

Chapter 3—storyline

• 3½ years left in the Tribulation before Jesus comes back.

Chapter 6—from teaching

When Nicolae is resurrected, he will be indwelt by Satan himself. ¹⁵The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. Revelation 13:15

Chapter 8—storyline

Antichrist was killed by a handled blade (sword).

⁴ Because of the signs it [the second beast] was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. Revelation 13:4

Chapter 12—Tison's vision (Tison is a Jewish believer who becomes the spiritual leader of those who became believers during the Rapture after Bruce died.)

He's taken up to heaven for a vision.

Chapter 13—Tison's dream/vision of the future

 He sees a pregnant sun-clothed woman with a wreath made of 12 stars, using the moon as a footstool. As she is ready to give birth, 7 mouths of the dragon open, ready to devour her child as soon as it was born. She had a male child who was caught up to God on the throne. The woman flees. ¹ A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. ² She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. ³ Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. 4 Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. 5 She gave birth to a son, a male child, who "will rule all the nations with an iron scepter." And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. ⁶ The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God [Petra in the storyline], where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days [the rest of the Tribulation]. Revelation 12:1-6

Chapter 15—storyline

• David, a young character in the storyline, knows that outbreak of evangelism in Israel would result in many more false christs and second-rate antichrists. Tison often cited Matthew 24:21-24 in urging his followers to watch out for them.

²¹ For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again. 22 "If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. ²³ At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it. ²⁴ For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. Matthew 24:21-24

BOOK 7—THE INDWELLING

Chapter 16—storyline explains Tison's dream in chapter 13. He then has a second dream/vision that refers to more scripture than I can include here about the conflict in heaven between Satan and God.

- Tison searches the Bible texts and commentaries to make sense of his vivid dream. While he pleaded God for another one, he also wanted to understand the one he's already had. Scholars are divided on who this sun-clothed woman was.
 - 1. She could represent womankind as mentioned in Genesis when God told Satan that the woman would have a child whose heel Satan might bruise but who would crush his head.
 - 2. She could be Mary who had the Christ child.
 - 3. She might symbolize Israel since Christ came from Israel, and Satan pursued and persecuted God's chosen people even to the present day.
 - 4. Or . . .
- Tison became convinced from the biblical texts that when Lucifer as the dragon was thrown out of heaven and 1/3 of the stars were swept from the heaven and fell to earth, he was witnessing eternity past since angels, both righteous and fallen, were referred to as stars. [This happens in the last chapter of the last book in the Left Behind series.]
- Tison knew that even up to the halfway point of the Tribulation, Satan was granted access to the throne of God. He was an accuser of believers, but when he pursued the woman and her child to devour them, a great battle began to be waged in heaven and he would be cast out for good.

Have you ever had Satan accuse other believers to you or accuse you to yourself? I sure have. Stop listening, because God doesn't believe Satan.

- Second dream: As Tison was thinking about this, he fell asleep again and began to dream. Michael was fighting a battle, so Gabriel began explaining the biblical background for what was in his first vision: the woman is Mary and Israel; the 12 stars on her head are the tribes of Israel and the apostles. The male child had a rod of iron ins his hand so he could rule the nations; he is the Christ, the Messiah, son of the living God. The woman has fled into the wilderness where she will be safe for 3½ years, which means that God has prepared a place in the wilderness for his chosen people so they will be safe during the Great Tribulation, the last 3½ years. The dragon is enraged and, with his evil angels, is using his fiery darts to fight Michael and his angels with double-edged swords. As the dragon fled to the throne, it was as if a huge invisible door had been slammed in his face. Revelation 12
- No longer does the dragon have access to the throne of God, and he is cast to the earth with all his angels with him. Revelation 12:7-9 Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time. Revelation 12:12 While the woman and her son are safe, "Then the dragon will make war with the rest of her offspring, those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus the Christ." Revelation 12:17
- Then Tison woke up.

BOOK 7—THE INDWELLING

Chapter 18—storyline

 People are told that their global faith from now on is to worship the spirit of Nicolae Carpathia in the 24-foot image. A voice from inside the image begins to speak to the crowd, "I am the lord your god who sits high above the heavens!"

¹¹ Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon. ¹² It exercised all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. ¹³ And it performed great signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to the earth in full view of the people. ¹⁴ Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. ¹⁵ The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. Revelation 13:11-15

Chapter 19—storyline

- Satan has now taken over Nicolae.
 - ¹⁵ The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. Revelation 13:15
- He promises to start a program of loyalty confirmation [guillotines] that will prove who is with him and who is against him.
 - ¹⁶ It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, ¹⁷ so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name. Revelation 13:16-17



BOOK 8—THE MARK

Chapter 1—storyline

Nicolae is raised from the dead and indwelt by Satan himself:

¹⁵ The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. Revelation 13:15

7 Years (84 Months) of the Tribulation				
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The 7 Seal Judgments take place	The 7 Trumpet Judgments take place.	Guillotines are set up all over the world to	desolation takes place	
	Between the 5 th and 6 th Trumpet Judgements,	execute anyone not taking the mark of the	(Antichrist enters temple).	
	the believers receive a	beast.	Jesus Christ returns for	
	seal from God, like a smudge, so they can	God creates a place for believers to stay safe.	final battle. Final bowl of wrath (#7)	
	recognize each other.	7 bowls of wrath begin to be poured out.	is poured out in the last month of the Tribulation.	
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Chapter 5—storyline

- Plans made to have guillotines (called loyalty enforcement facilitators in chapter 10) for those who refuse.
 - ⁴ I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. Revelation 20:4
- A mark comes from a biochip inserted under the skin on the right hand or forehead. Without the mark of the beast a person can't sell or buy anything. This mark will be the name of His Excellency (or his initials) and/or a prescribed number.
 - ¹⁶ It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, ¹⁷ so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name. Revelation 13:16-17

Chapter 9—Tison's message

- "Nearly 30% of the Bible (our Old and New Testaments) consist of prophetic passages." "Why would God include these if he intended them to be other than understandable to his children."
- Bowl judgments are yet to come, so a much worse time is ahead.
- Quote from message: "This whole period of history is evidence of the long-suffering, loving-kindness, and mercy of God Himself."
- Nicolae is the Antichrist.
- Bible says the resurrected Antichrist is literally indwelt by Satan himself. [The scripture supporting this statement was given in the previous book, *The Indwelling*.]
- Leon Fortunato is the Antichrist's false prophet.

BOOK 8—THE MARK

- Bible predicted Leon had power to give utterance to the image and call down fire to destroy those who refuse to worship it (as was done in chapter 1 of this book, *The Mark*.)
- Next prophetic passage is Revelation 13:11-18 about a false prophet called the beast, and the number of the beast is 666 (Nicolae's home region). [Possible meaning of 666 is given in Book 3, Chapter 14.] 16 It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, ¹⁷ so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name. ¹⁸ This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666. Revelation 13:16-18
- Receiving the mark of the beast is a once-and-for-all decision. The decision can't be reversed. Those who don't have the mark of the beast won't be able to legally buy or sell what they need for living.
- God will give to his people the power to endure these times.
- What's next is the bloodiest season in the history of the world.
 - Those who take the mark of the beast will suffer affliction at the hand of God.
 - Those who don't will be martyred.
- God named this period as the Great Tribulation in Matthew 24.
 - ²¹ For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²² And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Matthew 24:21-22, King James Version
- Tison says, "In all of God's dealing with mankind, this is the shortest period on record, yet more Scripture is devoted to this time period, except for the life of Christ. God goes to extreme measures to give people time to turn to Him."
- God is not only love, "He is also righteous and a God of justice, and it is not in his nature to allow sin to go unpunished or unpaid for."
- "He's engaged in a great worldwide battle with Satan himself for souls of men and women."
- "Next on the agenda is the ceremonial desecration of the temple in Jerusalem by Antichrist himself predicted by Daniel, Jesus, Paul, and John." He'll sacrifice a pig on the sacred alter, blaspheme against God and Messiah, and deny his resurrection.
- While in Jerusalem, the Antichrist will revile the Jews and slaughter believers in Jesus.

Chapter 19—Tison's teaching

- John sees the souls of those beheaded . . . and they lived and reigned with Christ for 1000 years. They will appear and live with Christ.
 - ⁴ I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. Revelation 20:4
- Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Revelation 14:12-13:

BOOK 8—THE MARK

- Those who worship the beast and His image and receive the mark of the beast on the forehead or hand will drink the wine of the wrath of God.
 - ⁹ A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand, ¹⁰ they, too, will drink the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. They will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name." Revelation 14:9-11
- Book of the Living and Book of Life of the Lamb
 - ¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. Revelation 20:11-13
 - ⁵ The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels.

 Revelation 3:5

End of Book 8

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	the believers receive a	beast.	Jesus Christ returns for		
	seal from God, like a	God creates a place for	final battle.		
	smudge, so they can	believers to stay safe.	Final bowl of wrath (#7)		
	recognize each other.	7 bowls of wrath begin	is poured out in the last		
		to be poured out.	month of the Tribulation.		

Chapter 1—teaching

- A place of refuge was provided for the believers and those who hadn't decided yet. The name given to the effort to take the people to Petra is "Operation Eagle."
 - ¹⁴ The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach. Revelation 12:14
- Tison taught that the "woman" represented God's chosen people, the "two wings" were land and air, "her place" was Petra—the city of stone, "a time" was 1 year so "a time and times and half a time" were 3.5 years, and the "serpent" was the Antichrist.
 - ¹³ When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. ¹⁴ The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach. 15 Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent. Revelation 12:13:15

Chapter 2—storyline with the start of the bowls being poured out

- The first angel with a bowl pours out the wrath (more later in chapter 6): sores, like boils, on the behinds of nonbelievers are large, painful, and infected.
 - ¹I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues—last, because with them God's wrath is completed. Revelation 15:1

¹ Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth." ² The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly, festering sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. Revelation 16:1-2

Chapter 6—Tison's teaching

- Jesus referred to Daniel when He warned of "the abomination of desolation" standing in the holy place.
 - ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. ¹⁵ "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand— ¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Matthew 24:14-16 [These are Jesus' words, which shows that Daniel's prophesy is still to come.]
 - ²⁶ After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One [Messiah] will be put to death and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. ²⁷ He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him. Daniel 9:26-27 [Daniel's prophesy]
- Paul in 2 Thessalonians speaks of the Glorious Appearing happening after the man of lawlessness is revealed who's doomed to destruction.
 - ¹ Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, ² not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come.

 ³ Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. ⁴ He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. ² Thessalonians 2:1-4
- Paul tells us that the lawless one will be consumed by the Lord Jesus' breath of His mouth.

 ⁷ For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.

 ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

 ⁹ The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, 2 Thessalonians 2:7-9
- "The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan; those who perish refused to receive the love of the truth to be saved.
 - ⁹ The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, ¹⁰ and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10
- Paul says that because they didn't receive the love of the truth, their delusion will condemn them.

 11 For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie 12 and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12

- "So they worshipped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, 'Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?' And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forth-two months" (half of the Tribulation). Revelation 13:2b-5
- "Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, his tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven." Revelation 13:6
- "It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation." Revelation 13:7
- "All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Revelation 13:8

Chapter 6—storyline

- Chaim (Jewish leader who's become a believer and is starting to lead the remnant) is in Jerusalem and loudly speaks to the people about the boils.
 - ¹ Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth." Revelation 16:1
- Those who received the mark of the beast and then worshiped his image are going to be victims of the first plague of boils.
 - ² The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly, festering sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. Revelation 16:2
- [Information about the <u>7 Bowls of Wrath</u> in Revelation 16:1-21 from what I found on *christianity.com* (https://www.christianity.com/wiki/end-times/what-are-the-seven-bowls-of-wrath-in-revelation.html): Each one represents something made in Genesis 1-2 and represent the 10 plagues in Egypt when Moses wanted to lead the Jewish nation out of slavery.]

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Chapter 9—storyline

- Jesus referred to Daniel 9:26-27 when He warned of "the abomination of desolation" standing in the holy place is still to come.
 - ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. ¹⁵ "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand— 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Matthew 24:14-15
- The storyline in this chapter describes [in my words] what this could look like:

Nicolae kicks out the Jewish priests from the temple before he enters it. He has no regard for the one true God. Antichrist slashes the veil in the temple from top to bottom then slashes the neck of the pig. Blood is flung all over everyone and everything. He brings his image into the temple. Nicolae has announced the end of ceremonial sacrifices—except to himself, claimed the temple as his own house, and defiled it in a graphic, disgusting way by sacrificing a pig in the Holy of Holies and cavort in its blood. Chaos erupts, and Jewish leaders (still not believers in Jesus Christ) start a riot saying, "Down with Carpathia!" Antichrist rescinds his pledge of 7 years of peace with Israel. [Oh, oh!]

Chapter 10—Chaim's teaching

- Israel Is given 2 wings of a great eagle so she can fly into the wilderness to her place. ¹⁴ The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach. Revelation 12:14
- But serpent spits water out of his mouth like a flood after her. This means that the Antichrist will attack those going to Petra; the "flood" is the Antichrist's army. The earth helps the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing up the flood.
 - ¹⁵ Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent. ¹⁶ But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.
- Then the dragon becomes enraged with the woman and starts to make war with her offspring "who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." These would be the other believing Jews around the world.
 - ¹⁷Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God's commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.

Chapter 14—storyline

Second angel with bowl poured out

³ The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead person, and every living thing in the sea died. Revelation 16:3

Chapter 19—what is to come

- As the third angel with bowl was poured out, John saw/heard those who had been martyred and heard the angel of the waters.
 - ⁴ The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. ⁵ Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say: "You are just in these judgments, O Holy One, you who are and who were; ⁶ for they have shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve." Revelation 16:4-6
- Soon the rivers and lakes will turn to blood. End of Book 9

BOOK 10—THE REMNANT

Chapter 4—storyline

• Nicolae wants messiahs in his name who can heal the sick, turn water to blood and back again, perform miracles to draw out the undecide so he empowers Fortunato to create these messiahs.

²³ At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it.

Chapter 15—storyline is 6 months into the second half of the Great Tribulation; 3 years are left.

Chapter 16—storyline is 6 months later

Chapter 18—storyline, information from Tison

- When Satan was cast down from heaven, his angels were cast with him.
 - ⁷Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸ But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹ The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him. Revelation 12:7-9
- Isaiah 10:20-34 predicted that the remnant of Israel will return to the Almighty God; further, the burden of the evil one will be removed from shoulders, and his yoke will be destroyed.
- In Zachariah 13, he prophesies that 2/3 of Israel will be cutoff and die and only 1/3 will be left to be refined and tested.
 - ⁷ "Awake, sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me!" declares the LORD Almighty. "Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones. ⁸ In the whole land," declares the LORD, "two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it. ⁹ This third I will put into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, 'They are my people,' and they will say, 'The LORD is our God.'" Zachariah 13:7-9
- Ezekiel 21: the barren nation will be brought back to life.

Chapter 20—now 68 months (5 ½ years) into the Tribulation.

<u>Third angel with bowl judgment</u> is poured out
 The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.
 Revelation 16:4

Chapter 21—storyline

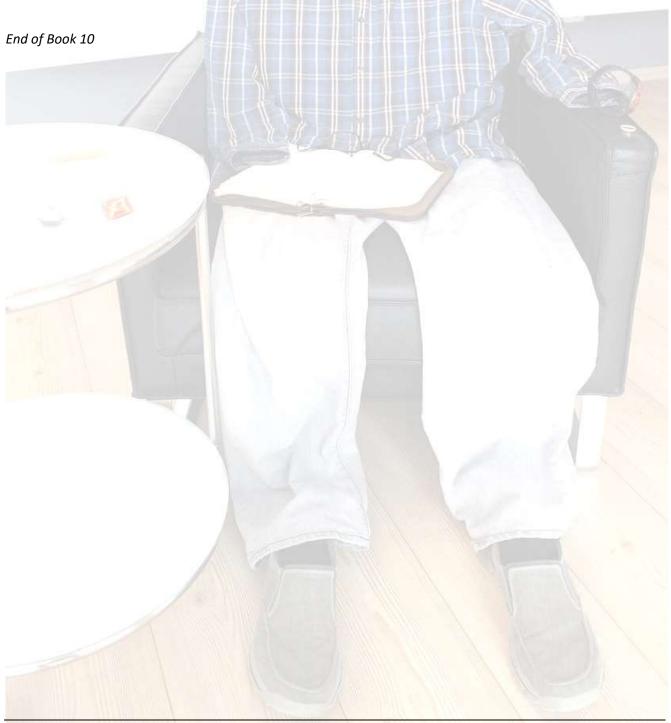
- Fourth angel with bowl judgement is poured out.
 - ⁸ The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire.
 - ⁹ They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plaques, but they refused to repent and glorify him. Revelation 16:8-9
- 3 months later <u>Bowl 3 judgment</u> is over, and fresh water is again available.

²⁴ For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ See, I have told you ahead of time. Matthew 24:23-24

BOOK 10—THE REMNANT

Chapter 21—6 years into the Tribulation

- <u>Bowl 4 Judgment</u> is over so people can go outside during the day again, but just for 3 days before the next judgment starts.
- Bowl 5 judgement is poured out.
 - 10 The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in agony 11 and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done. Revelation 16:10-11



Chapter 1—storyline

• Prophesy for <u>Bowl 5 Judgment</u> from previous chapter states that it affects "the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness." The darkness is confined to New Babylon where Nicolae and his leadership are living.

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Chapter 3—storyline

A group of German believers in New Babylon believe they are the fulfillment of prophecy to "come out
of her, my people" about the destruction of this city. They knew that some believers had to exist there.
 They needed a place to go so wanted to connect with the Tribulation believers.

⁴ Then I heard another voice from heaven say: "'Come out of her, my people,' so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues for her sins are piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes. Revelation 18:4:5

Chapter 15—6 years and 5½ months into the Tribulation [6 months and 2 weeks to go]

Chapter 15—message

- Only 2 more judgments will happen before Jesus returns.
- Bowl 6 judgment

¹² The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. ¹³ Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. Revelation 16:12-13

Euphrates River will become as dry land, a 1500-mile stretch of ground. [That event makes it possible
for the kings of the East to bring their armaments of war directly into the plain of Megiddo on dry land,
saving them the time of shipping them all the way around the continents. This is a trap set by almighty
God to lure these rulers and their armies right to where he wants them. Everything that will depend
on the power of the river will be stopped.]

¹⁶ Then they [3 demonic spirits that looked like frogs] gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon. Revelation 16:16

Bowl 7 judgment

¹⁷ The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!" ¹⁸ Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake. ¹⁹ The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath. ²⁰ Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found. ²¹ From the sky huge hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds, fell on people. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible. Revelation 16:17-21

- Revelation 12:12 "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants
 of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows
 that he has a short time."
- Revelation 13:5-8 "He was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."
- 2 Peter 3:10-14 "the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up."

Chapter 16—storyline

- The darkness that was in New Babylon was now true for Nicolae's followers all over the world:

 10 The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in agony 11 and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done. Revelation 16:10-11
- Three males at the meeting [of the 10 regional potentates] who were not the potentates or in Nicolae's leadership looked like triplet manikins, wearing buttoned up black suits with black ties; no jewelry or headwear. They moved in unison and had just simply appeared.
 - ¹³ Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. ¹⁴ They are demonic spirits that perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty. Revelation 16:13-14
- Nicolae plans to rally everyone with their tanks, planes, weapons, and armies in the Plain of Megiddo
 in northern Israel, also known as the Plain of Esdraelon or the Plain of Jezreel. It's about 30 kilometers
 southeast of Haifa and 100 kilometers north of Jerusalem. The large army has hundreds of millions of
 soldiers.

The following information is from this website: https://pcg.church/articles/5754/who-are-the-prophesied-kings-of-the-east):

In Revelation 9:16, the number of mounted troops that were released in the sixth trumpet call were 200 million (twice ten thousand times ten thousand). Since this was so much more than the population of the world when John wrote Revelation at the end of the first century, this large fighting force would be in the future. (Population estimates show that around the year a.d. 90, when the Apostle John was inspired to write this book, only a little more than 150 million people were on Earth.

This same website said that such a large fighting force could only come from a combination of Asian nations that includes Russia, China, and India.

Chapter 17—storyline

- Jude 1:14-15 "Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, 'Behold the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." ("ungodly" mentioned 4 times)
- Zechariah 13:8-9 "And it shall come to pass in all the land that two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, but one-third shall be left in it: I will bring the one-third through the fire, will refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people"; and each one will say, 'The Lord is my God."

Chapter 18—six years and 11 months into the Tribulation

Chapters 19—storyline

• Zechariah 12:8-10 — "In that day the Lord will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the Lord before them. It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn." It means that all will be as strong as David, and God will destroy the nations that come against Israel.

Chapter 19—message

- Bowl 7 judgment is coming, an earthquake will level the entire globe; it will bring hail so large it will kill millions (referenced in chapter 15).
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- Devil will know that his time is short.
 - ¹² Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short." Revelation 12:12

- The devil had authority for only 42 months; his reign will go to a fever pitch until the end.
 ⁵ The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise its authority for forty-two months. ⁶ It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. ⁷ It was given power to wage war against God's holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. ⁸ All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world. Revelation 13:5-8
- The Day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; believers are to be about the Father's business.

 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. 11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. 13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. 14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. 2 Peter 3:10-14

Chapter 21—storyline

Zechariah 12:4 — "In that day, I will strike every horse with confusion, and its rider with madness; I will
open My eyes on the house of Judah, and will strike every horse of the peoples with blindness."

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Chapter 4—message and then storyline

After 7 years from the covenant with Israel, signs in the sky will herald Jesus' Glorious Appearing. ²⁹ "Immediately after the distress of those days "'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' 30 "Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. Matthew 24:29-30

Chapter 6—message

- Joel 3:9-17 Prophesy that God was luring Antichrist into His trap by drying up the Euphrates so the Bowl 6 Judgment could happen.
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- The general response from those God is trying to reach. "Men blasphemed God because of the plaque of the hail, since that plaque was exceedingly great." Revelation 16:21
- Jesus returns as King and victorious Warrior, but he's also called the Judge.
 - ¹¹I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. 12 His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. 13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. Revelation 19:11-16

Chapter 10—storyline

- Whole world will know when Jesus comes. "Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him." Revelation 1:7
- The Antichrist comes against God's chosen people and the Son intervenes with a weapon that comes from His mouth. Jesus will slay our enemy with a weapon that comes from His mouth, "a sharp, twoedged sword." Revelation 1:16
- Revelation 2:16 "He will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of my
- Revelation 19:15 "out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations."
- Revelation 19:21 enemies "were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse."
- Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Chapter 11—storyline

- Heaven opens, and Jesus, the Son of the living God, sits on a white horse.
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- An angel appears and cries to all the birds in heaven: ¹⁷ And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God, ¹⁸ so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and the mighty, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, great and small." Revelation 19:17-18
- Revelation 1:8 Jesus said, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End, the Almighty."
- Earlier in Revelation, John compared Jesus' voice to both a trumpet and the sound of many waters. ¹⁰ On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, ¹¹ which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea." Revelation 1:10 ¹⁵ His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters." Revelation 1:15

- Revelation 1:14-16 description of Jesus
 - ¹⁴ The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. ¹⁵ His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.
- Somewhere in the heavenly band of white-clad saints behind Jesus were all of those who had been executed during the Tribulation.
 - ¹ Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. ² And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. ³ And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. Revelation 14:1-3
- Nicolae rushes off to Buseirah (Bozrah).
 ^{2 2}Look! An eagle will soar and swoop down, spreading its wings over Bozrah. In that day the hearts of Edom's warriors will be like the heart of a woman in labor. Jeremiah 49:22
- Above all those who were leaving the for the next battle, great clouds of ravenous birds were getting their fill of man and beast. The worst of the damage and casualties was within 5 miles of Petra.
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 Revelation 19:17-18

Chapter 12—storyline

- Bozrah is the modern-day Jordanian city of Buseirah (Bozrah) that was 30 miles southeast of the Dead Sea and 20 minutes north of Petra; a remote village in the mountains.
 - ⁵My sword has drunk its fill in the heavens; see, it descends in judgment on Edom, the people I have totally destroyed. ⁶The sword of the LORD is bathed in blood, it is covered with fat—the blood of lambs and goats, fat from the kidneys of rams. For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah and a great slaughter in the land of Edom. ⁷And the wild oxen will fall with them, the bull calves and the great bulls. Their land will be drenched with blood, and the dust will be soaked with fat." Isaiah 34:5-7
- Isaiah 63:1-3 The remnant asks "Who is this who comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah, this One who is glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength? And the Lord said, "It is I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save."
- Luke 21:20-21 "When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her."
- Luke 21: 27-28 "For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled . . . Now look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

Chapter 14—storyline

Hail starts to fall, the size of a dining-room table, half a foot thick. Hundred-pound blocks of ice start
pelting the area, smashing bodies, destroying trucks and cars and Jeeps. It's like God was covering the
bloody battlefield in a thick layer of ice to thin out the blood so it could soak into the battlefield and
then cover the dead to bury them.

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• The heavens part as the temple of God opens in heaven. The earth begins to shift. The earth groans and buckles, and the city of Jerusalem fractures into three as great fissures as Nicolae Carpathia's loyalists and soldiers fall into the earth. Buildings and walls are left intact [so they can be used later after the final battle is won]. The earthquake is global. Islands disappear, mountains are leveled. The entire face of the planet is made level except for the city of Jerusalem itself. Jesus speaks.

19 Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm. Revelation 11:19 (after 7th trumpet)

End of the Tribulation

- After the final battle is over and Jesus is victorious, He judges those people remaining, beginning with the Antichrist and his minions. Then He separates the sheep (His followers) from the goats (those who refuse to make a decision and wouldn't help the Jewish believers during the Tribulation).
- The Millenium Reign (1000 years) begins; that time is covered in a sequel book, Kingdom Come: The Final Victory, by our authors.

Chapter 16—storyline

 Archangel Michael brings Nicolae and Fortunato to Jesus, along with the 3 robotic Carpathia lookalikes. The trio kneel before Jesus and acknowledge Him as King, but it's too late for these fallen angelic beings. Fortunato doesn't know what to do, but finally decides to fall on his knees and worship Jesus too; he's sentenced to eternity in the lake of fire. Nicolae is still defiant; Jesus commands Lucifer to leave this man, and Nicolae seems to shrink and begin to look like he would after being in the grave for 3½ years. He finally kneels. Jesus chastises him for being a willing tool of the devil himself. Nicolae admits that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God and confesses that his life was a waste, worthless, a mistake; he'll also be cast alive into the lake of fire.

¹⁹ Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army. ²⁰ But the beast was captured, and with it the false prop<mark>het</mark> who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. ²¹ The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh. Revelation 19:20

Chapter 17—storyline and trial/judgement of Satan

- Gabriel said, "Then I saw an angel coming down from the heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. And he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished."
 - ¹ And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ² He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ³ He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time. Revelation 20:1-3
- Gabriel told this angel--Lucifer, dragon, serpent, devil, Satan--that he had to face the One he had opposed from time immemorial. Last time Michael and Lucifer met was over the body of Moses, and Michael wasn't allowed to throw an accusation against him.
 - ⁹ But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not himself dare to condemn him for slander but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" Jude 1:9

- But Jesus is the one Lucifer has to answer to. This angel continues to deny that he was created.
- Michael's chain wrapped around Satan, picked him up, and flew 10 feet into the air over the abyss and then into it. Eventually Michael reemerged with a key in his hand; Satan and the chain were no longer to be seen.
- One of the characters wondered why Satan was only going to be bound for 1000 years while the Antichrist and False Prophet were cast forever into the lake of fire. [We'll find out the answer in Chapter 19 of this book.]
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End of the Tribulation

- After the final battle is over and Jesus is victorious, He judges those people remaining, beginning with the Antichrist and his minions. Then He separates the sheep (His followers) from the goats (those who refuse to make a decision and wouldn't help the Jewish believers during this time).
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Chapter 18—storyline

- End of fighting: "He made wars cease to the end of the earth; He broke the bow and cut the spear in two: He burned the chariot in the fire." Psalm 46:8-9
- Just 75 days between when Jesus steps back on earth (Glorious Appearing) to begin the war against the Antichrist and his followers, the judgments, and the beginning of the millennial kingdom.

[I don't quite understand the math in this statement based on the reference from Daniel. Do you?

- ¹¹ "From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desola<mark>tion is set</mark> up, there will be 1,290 days. ¹² Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days. Daniel 12:11-12 [45 days]
- Those on Jesus' right hand (called the sheep) can enter the kingdom of God. (Those on the left are called the goats.) The side they're on is based on how they helped, or didn't help, the Jewish believers during the Tribulation.
 - ³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world." Matthew 25:34

Chapter 19—information from teaching

- Isaiah 65:17-25 (scripture following) answers these questions:
 - If God didn't allow Satan one more chance to deceive the nations, all those born during the millennial kingdom wouldn't have opportunity to choose. Gives all people equal standing before God.
 - Those who are born and live for 100 years during the Millennium and don't trust in Christ during this time will be accursed and die because they are sinners (don't trust in Christ). Those who do decide to trust in Christ will live for 1000 years.
 - Satan will try at the end of the Millennium to organize all the people at the 900-year mark or after—and haven't become believers—and get them to make one last effort to fight Jesus.
 - Those who live the whole time will build and plant and eat their own fruit; no one will have to depend on the previous work of another.
 - No bosses or landlords; all will work for themselves.
 - No animals will hurt others.
 - No more weeping or crying.

¹⁷ "See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. ¹⁹ I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.

²⁰ "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹ They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands. ³ They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD. Isaiah 65:17-25

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Chapter 19—storyline and info from teaching

- Judgement Days
 - o Judgment of nations happens at the valley created at the splitting of the Mount of Olives. Valley of Jehoshaphat means "Jehovah judges." Jesus will have 3 actions here: restore the Jewish nation, judge the sheep, and judge the goats. All judgment will take place here, so everyone still living will have to be in this area.
 - ³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Matthew 25:31-33
 - Gentiles who honored the believing Jews and looked out for them are the sheep, and those who didn't are the goats.
 - ³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' ³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when <mark>did we</mark> see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:34-40
 - o Judged goats will be sent to hades, a compartment of hell, where they will suffer until the final judgement where they will be cast into the lake of fire.
 - ⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' 44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' 45 "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' 46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." Revelation 25:41-46

O Great White Throne Judgment is at the end of the Millennium and is the final one. People will be judged by their works. [This happens after the devil is thrown into the lake of fire.]
11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. 14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. 15 Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:11-15

Chapter 21—storyline

- We will get to interact with Old Testament saints so we can sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as well as all the saints mentioned in Hebrews 11.
 - ¹¹I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 8:11

 Now my question in the Introduction is answered!
- Somehow God arranged it so that only those who were still alive could see their Tribulation saint friends before all of those who had died before the Tribulation were brought to Jesus.

 4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. Revelation 20:4-5

End of Book 12 — Future events are in a sequel book, Kingdom Come: The Final Victory, by the authors so are not included in this set of notes since I was only intrigued by what was going to happen during the Tribulation.

What have you learned from reading through these notes, and what difference is it making in your life as you're walking with the Father?

The next question is, what difference have these notes made for me?

- Even though this world seems like it's going downhill, God is still in charge and His love for those He's created will never end. Everyone will have a choice up to the last moment.
- I have to remember that what He's doing is behind the curtain. He won't pull it open until He's ready to.
- Hard times are God's way of wooing us to Himself. Our response to these times is up to us.
- · I'm still thinking through what difference these notes make for me.