

## The Revelation of YAHSHUA to the Churches (Revelation 1-3)

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last; write promptly what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia – to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea (Rev. 1:11). Blessed is the man who reads aloud the word of this prophecy; and blessed are those who hear and who keep themselves true to the things which are written in it, for the time is near. (vs. 3).

To John was given the message of the future things having to do with the Church, the world, and Israel. The angel told him, Write the things you see, what they are (present) and what is to take place hereafter (future) (Rev.1:19). The chronological order of Revelation is seen in relationship with the **rapture of the Bride of Christ, the event of the tribulation, millennium and the new heavens and the new earth.**

What is present -The Church age, the things John has seen  
and what are now (chapters 2-3)

What is after- future (chapters 4-5) the rapture of the church

What is after-future (chapters 6-19) 7 year tribulation, the marriage of the Lamb

What is after future (chapter 20) the millennium

What is after- future (chapters 21-22) New heavens and new earth

In chapters 2-3 we read YAHSHUA'S words of commendations, warnings, and correction for the seven churches of Asia- Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. These churches represent epochs in the time line of history, and the spiritual state of individual believers. These warnings given to the ancient churches of Asia remain alive for the today's churches, as it also has its foundation and its beginning at the death and resurrection of our Lord YAHSHUA; she is established in one YAHWEH, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith according to the letter to the Ephesians. YAHWEH'S purpose for His church will be consummated in His Son when all things are placed in its respective order in the sovereign will of the Father. The book of Revelation has its outline in an order that is obvious to understand the reason for the book and the Bride of Christ very much part of His plan in the consummation of time. We are now in the things that are- chapter 2-3 - the church age. We know that when YAHSHUA is manifested, we shall be like Him, for we shall see him just as He is; and **everyone who has this hope on Him cleanses himself just as He is pure** (I John 2-3).

YAHWEH'S feasts given to Israel correspond to the plan for His Church in Revelation. In fact, the amazing truth of YAHWEH'S plan for His Church is visible throughout the history of Israel. **The Feast of Passover and Unleavened Bread** (Leviticus 23:5, 6) points to YAHSHUA'S death and resurrection; He fulfilled this feast when He became the sacrificial Lamb that took the sins of the world at His death on the tree and gave eternal life to all who would receive Him; He is the perfect Bread of life, free from leaven-sinless. With His blood He established the new covenant, which He introduced at His last supper by saying, "This cup is the new covenant established by My blood; it is shed for you". YAHSHUA has become the guarantee of a better covenant

(Hebrews 7: 22). This new covenant is without distinction of race, for in His death and resurrection all distinction of race disappeared; it is for “whomsoever will come”.

**The Feast of Pentecost** (Leviticus 23: 16) was fulfilled in YAHSHUA fifty days after His death and resurrection; a time when His promised HOLY SPIRIT came down to fulfill YAHSHUA’S promises to His disciples in John 16. He came confirming and guaranteeing their salvation and that was also the time when the Church of Christ had its birth. When the day of Pentecost had arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven and it filled the whole house where they (the apostle) were staying (Acts 2:1-2).

**The Feast of Trumpets** (Leviticus 23: 24) corresponds to the rapture of the Bride of Christ in chapters 4-5 of Revelation, I Thessalonians 4:16; I Corinthians 15:51-53: For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a loud cry of summons, with the shout of an archangel, and with the blast of the trumpet of YAHWEH. And those who departed this life in Christ will rise first (I Thess. 4:16). **The Jewish Day of Atonement** (Leviticus 23: 27) corresponds to the seven years of tribulation in chapter 6-18 of Revelation, when Israel will learn to call on the name of their MESSIAH with repentance for their salvation; And I will pour out upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication and they shall look upon Me Whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him as one who is in bitterness for his first born (Zechariah 12:10)

**The Feast of Tabernacles** (Leviticus 23: 34) corresponds to the time of the millennium in chapters 19 and 20 of Revelation, when YAHWEH will tabernacle with men; and in the chapters 21-22 of Revelation at the consummation of all things there will be the new heaven and the new earth.

In chapter four of Revelation the rapture is taking place, when John sees a door standing opened in heaven and the first voice which he had heard addressing him like a war **trumpet saying, Come up here**, and I will show you what must take place in the future (Rev.4:1). In the book of I Thessalonians we learn that the rapture will take place with (1) the Lord YAHSHUA coming in the air (2) with a loud cry of summons, (3) with the shout of an archangel, (4) with the **blast of the trumpet of YAHWEH** (I Thess. 4:16). In heaven John witnessed the wonderful and beautiful worship given to YAHSHUA- the Lamb who had been slain for the sins of the world; the One and only Who could open the scroll whose blood purchased men unto YAHWEH from every tribe and language and people and nation (Rev. 5:9). John heard voices of many angels on every side of the throne and of the living creatures and the elders numbering ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands saying, in a loud voice, Deserving is the Lamb, Who was sacrificed to receive all the power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and majesty and blessing! He also witnessed every created thing in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea and all that is in it, crying out together, To Him Who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb be ascribed the blessing and the honor and the majesty forever and ever (Rev.5:12-13). This was prior to the Great Tribulation, which is to happen after the Church of Christ is gone, and prior to the Lamb breaking open the first of the seven seals introducing the tribulation in chapter six.

In the chapters 6-18 John describes the wrath of YAHWEH falling to the world in many forms. There is no mention of the church in this period of time, until chapter 19 when the marriage of the Lamb takes place, followed by the millennium and the establishment of the new heaven and of the new earth. The old order is gone, behold the new order under the leadership of our LORD has taken place forever and ever amen! YAHWEH, the Author of the old and the new covenants, controls the destiny of the world, no matter how bad Satan tries to destroy it; He assures His saints the purpose of His plan and secures them in their faith and hope until all is completed in His time and purpose. Our hope in His promises is secured by our faith in Him, reason why we must be alert watching and praying at all times, as He commanded us to do until all is completed.

YAHWEH'S apocalyptic plans for the world unveiled to the apostle John are not given to the Bride to incur fear, but a warning against all that diminishes her love for her Bridegroom, as we read in chapters 2-3 of Revelation. In the sequence of events found in the book of Revelation, it is noticed that she will not be the object of the incurring wrath of YAHWEH, but the subject of His joy and celebration as his Bride; she will be dressed in her imputed righteousness – the dazzling, fine, pure and bright linen, which is her wedding gown in complete holiness at last! The book of Revelation is not to be considered as being weird and hard to read; but it is to be studied, and loved for in it there is the essence of YAHWEH'S love for His Church in the consummation of his promised salvation. It is the only book with promised blessing for those who would read it: Blessed is the one who reads and blessed are those who hear the words of this prophecy and keep what is written in it, because the time is near (Rev. 1:3).

The Spirit and the Bride say, Come! And let him who is listening say, Come! And let everyone come who is thirsty; and whoever desires to do it, let him come, take, appropriate, and drink the water of Life without cost (Rev. 22:17-18).

**MARANATHA!**