

MATTHEW TO REVELATION - from old city to new city, new land and new world, under Christ

1000 years from **Solomon's** temple to AD 70, but the **woman** in the ephah under a **heavy lid** (the ark's evil twin, **false worship**) in Shinar/Babylon (Eve/Judaism) is now ruling with an Edomite king (Adam/Herod) under the authority of the empire 'cherub/beast' who guards/tutors God's people (serpent-to-be/Rome). The **flying** scroll with the same dimensions as the **temple** (Zech 5) will judge **thieves** and **liars** (secret sins). The world still under the **rule** of Satan.

Men in bondage to sin - no dominion

Dove hovers over Christ at baptism, symbolic resurrection - a new **Land** rising from the **waters**, a **new Creation**. Jesus turns water into **wine** at a **wedding feast**. Heals ceremonially '**unclean**' diseases as he builds a new priesthood from another valley of dry bones. Miraculously **feeds** many and **raises the dead**. Begins **binding** the kingdom of the strong man one demon at a time, so his goods can be **plundered**. Walks over the **waters** as **ruler**. Promises to leave the spirit peace with his disciples, **Sabbath** rest.

ADAM - Best man (John the Baptist) and **Bridegroom** (Christ) woo the bride, starting with the **Jews**, but predicting the gathering of the **Gentiles** (unclean beasts now clean). The promised **kingdom** is at the doors.

Christ as Moses - out of the city of destruction - escaped the slaughter of the innocents

Destruction of the temple threatened using 'Babylonian burden' and Noah's flood language (cf. Dan 9:26). Jerusalem would not be **gathered**. The stars (**angelic rulers**) will fall from heaven. The **sun** and **moon** will be darkened. **Old Creation destroyed**.

The priest (Jesus) inspected the house in the city (temple) and found **leprosy** (uncleanness - **false** whiteness - whited sepulchres), casts out **thieves** and **liars**. He **teaches** an **adulterous** generation with authority.

Passover (a New Covenant) - Adam and Eve collude with the Serpent against the New Adam and New Eve. Christ condemned in **GARDEN** (high priest), **LAND** (Herod) and **WORLD** (Rome). **Plagues** of the **Avenger of blood** held off as Christ **forgives His murderers**.

Exodus (resurrection, ascension and **Firstfruits** saints sealed). The church **carried** on **eagle** wings into the wilderness. Saints dispersed after Stephen's martyrdom, centre of faith moves out of "Egypt" to Antioch. New identity with a name-change from Jews to Christians.

Parting the Red Sea The Old Covenant ministering angels (Levitical **emerald rainbow**) around the throne. "*Who is worthy to open the book?*" The Lamb, Christ, the glorious **metal man**.

'The door' opened, the gospel is released from the broken seals, through the torn veil, the bronze pillars/mountains, divided Olivet, and corresponding judgments are pronounced on Pharaoh/Herod and his armies (Judaisers) who are pursuing.

The Law given (first warning trumpets, **Pentecost** - Holy Spirit writes Law on our hearts, **fire from the altar in heaven** on the saints, **3000** saved, reminder of two witnesses, the apostles and prophets, the Law (**Moses** - **apostles**) and the Prophets (**Elijah** - **prophets**). Mount Sinai (*something like a burning mountain*) is thrown into the sea by faith. The church out of 'Egypt' is still a mixed multitude and the grumblers wish to return.

Christ as David - ruler of Israel who was persecuted by the previous king and becomes ruler of Israel at age 30 for 40 years

Wilderness 40 year reign of greater David over Israel. **Woman** (church) in the wilderness 40 years (AD 30 - 70) Isaac and Ishmael still together in the house/temple. "Don't be like your fathers who didn't enter in." The apostles judge the 12 tribes under His rule, with breastplates of red fire (Word), hyacinth (incense smoke/prayer) and sulphur (judgment), seated with Christ. Saints **miraculously fed** (New Testament scripture and gifts). The Gospel process; the four horsemen 1: **White** - holy kingdom conquest - Naphtali - white jasper - New Jerusalem; 2 - **Red** - division/threshing - "*I came to bring a sword*" - Judah - red jasper, and Reuben - sardius, the kingly tribes; **Black** - starvation - onyx - Joseph - starving the Old Covenant (baker/grain/works) but not harming the New Covenant (cupbearer/wine/oil/grace/spirit) **Green** - emerald (like God's throne) - Levi - the new guardian priesthood with a sword, final judicial destruction of the wicked. **THREE ATTACKS BY SATAN: Bride condemned in Garden, Land and World 1** - **Persecution** by Jews (temple - event in book of Acts), **2** - **Compromise** with false doctrine - Jezebel (adulteress), Balaamites ("*people eaters*") and Nicolaitans ("*people conquerors*"), the Judaisers (giants/locusts) who have a sting in their tails, with hair like (false) Nazarites (under vows cf. Acts 23:14), wolves in sheep's clothing, with power to hurt *men* (the Jews). Water from the mouth of the serpent (false doctrine) is swallowed by the Land/Judaism.

Christ stands as the angel with **bronze pillar legs**, one on the Land (Jews - priest - Jachin), one on the Sea (Gentiles - king - Boaz), and the dividing wall is broken down.

"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

John is told not to write the seven thunders, but to preach them to the Gentiles - the 7 judgments of God on the crooked temple. Tear down the two false pillars, priest and king.

3 - Massacre: Herod/High Priest rebels against Rome the *restrainer* (2 Thess 2) and persecutes the saints, attack by Amalek (dragon with lamb's horns - two pillars - **false high priest** and **false king**: False high priest: false prophet -

Adam, Balaam / false brother - Cain/Esau / man of lawlessness in the temple. False king: Ahab, Edomite corrupt King Solomon [666 talents of gold], brings war in heaven as the Land Beast (Judaism), empowered by the Sea Beast (Rome) with the dragon's power (Satan) makes war on the church. They will be defeated by 'the breath of his appearing' - the *parousia*. **Purim** - Satan and his angels are cast out into the Land, ("*he will return with seven others worse than himself. So shall it be*

with this wicked generation") and takes up residence in the temple (synagogue of Satan), making the springs of water (doctrine) bitter as Wormwood. The **wheat is threshed** (sheep and goats separated - Hagar and her son cast out, Judaising false teachers excommunicate, "they were not of us"), the saints are **tested** - tribulation - the massacre is allowed by Christ (the angel with the sickle and the winepress outside the city) and their blood is tipped out onto the Land to bring up the **Avenger of all the**

blood (as the first plague on Egypt did) from Abel to Zechariah, to **judge the murderers** of the bride. With the **plunder** (grape harvest blood), the New Jerusalem is founded ("*on the blood of a son/brother*"), on a spiritual **mountain** "that cannot be touched".

Christ as Joshua - into the promised land - captain of God's armies

The Law repeated before triumphal entry. Ark seen in heaven. Preaching of the two witnesses (saints have replaced two olive tree cherubim) who can bring the plagues - **fire from heaven** on sinners (as **Elijah**), water turned to blood in memory of the innocent slain (as **Moses**), final **Trumpets** warnings to the Jews and partial judgments on the Great City who ruled [represented] the world before God as priest). The two witnesses (saints) martyred and the **Jews rejoice** (false Purim). The **mystery of God** finished - Jews and Gentiles (clean and unclean beasts) now knitted together safely in the Christian church as the body of New Adam (ark of Noah). The united kingdom completed.

Parting the great river (Euphrates - as the kings from the sunrising [the church] enter to take the Land [heavenly country]) (just as Darius diverted the river of historic Babylon to conquer it).

Entry (the firstfruits saints [grape harvest] and OT martyrs/saints [under the altar] are united and allowed into heaven) "*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!*" because saints now go straight into heaven.

Antonement The **mystery of iniquity** revealed - "scapegoatism". Nero burnt Rome, Herod completed the temple, and Christians were scapegoated as Christ was. "*One man should die for the people.*" Just like the ark was opened, releasing Word (tablets), Sacrament (hidden manna) and Government (Aaron's rod), so the ark's evil twin is also opened (**heavy lid** removed) and the **woman** from the ephah (**false worship**) is now exposed as riding the beast "*We have no king but Caesar!*" The harlot's unworthy communion cup brings destruction into her. The seven annual atonement sprinklings have been compromised/mingled with the blood of the prophets and now the saints. They are rejected and the seven bowls are poured out on the Old Covenant. She is stoned for **adultery**, and burned with fire as a **false priest**, an Eve who has usurped the new Adam's authority by killing Him: "*I sit a queen, and am no widow.*" Now her total destruction comes as the **plagues** of Sodom/Egypt/Babylon/flood fall to the song of Moses and the Lamb. The Beast (God's scapegoat) **carries** the woman (sins) to destruction. The firmament (crystal sea/**heavy lid** of the ark) is destroyed and falls as hail, so there is no more protection from Christ's throne ("*there was no more (crystal) sea*"), which has arrived over the Land, indeed over the World, with His angelic hosts. "*Come out of her, my people*".

Destruction of Herod's temple (graven *image of the beast*) torn down because of **leprosy** (uncleanness), the Old Covenant elements (*storchea*) are burnt up, and the soldiers tear up the masonry to retrieve the melted gold "*Not one stone shall remain upon another*". The old heavens and earth (stars and dust people) pass away with a great noise. Babylon the great (dethroned from the waters of nations) with its beastly nocturnal doctrine (3 frogs chirping, not a dove) **gathered** from all over the Roman empire to the mount of assembly ("*armageddon*") one last time (the last Passover in AD70) as her table becomes a final snare, for trinitarian destruction (3 parts) and the apostate guarding/restraining cherub (Satanic Rome, the beast) removed from guarding the church (Daniel's beasts - the now redundant protecting **metal man** ground to **dust** by the new kingdom). The upper millstone (*chariot*) of Judaism throne into the sea. The 24 **angelic elders** have left the temple one by one, as each carried out his final Old Covenant task and replaced by the eldership of the saints, the new **emerald rainbow**. The twelve constellations (twelve tribes) have been converted into a New Jerusalem, and the original apostate angelic **teacher**, Lucifer, has been deposed by The Light, the angel of the Lord. **Old Creation/Tabernacle elements deCreated and burned** (2 Peter 3:10): her gold and silver (solid light - *holy of holies*), fine cloth (firmament - *veil*), precious stones and pearls (gemstones [Israel], pearls [Gentiles]), fine woods & ivory (plants, trees, flowers & fruits - *holy place, ivory Solomon's throne*), bronze, iron and marble (sun, moon and stars - *rulers*), *incense* (fish & birds that swarm and fill), wine, oil & grain (food for all - *table of showbread*), cattle and sheep, horses and chariots (living creatures - *sacrifices*), souls of men (man - *the priesthood*) plundered, destroyed and deluged, thrown into the Sea (Gentiles). The princes (Jewish rulers), the sailors (Gentile proselytes), and merchants (Jews) lament over her (trade signifies worship in Revelation, Rev 3:18). But the **saints rejoice** (true Purim).

Christ as Solomon - bridegroom/wise judge - ruler of the world

EVE - The **Bride** (the Church) in her glory, has followed Christ through death and resurrection (Rev 14), made of gemstones from the Land (**Jews**), with pearl gates to receive the riches of the Sea (**Gentiles**). She is the true Babylon (gate of God) and ladder to heaven. The *totus Christus* consummation of Adam and Eve, Christ and His body, the Lamb and his glorious garment (the church), commanded to be fruitful and multiply.

Christ, the new **metal man**, now enthroned over the nations (walking on the **waters**) as the **Tabernacle** of God with men, the perfectly square '**flying**' temple, a golden cube - a giant holy of holies, healing the nations with the gospel. No need of the **sun** or the **moon** (lunar feasts replaced by the Sun of righteousness). **Thieves** and **liars** and **adulterers** excluded from the new temple. The **eagles** feast on the harlot, while Christ **feasts** with His bride at a **wedding** supper in heaven, with the new **wine** of the kingdom, a kingdom of **priests**, who will never **hunger**, thirst, nor suffer **uncleanness**. Satan himself is **bound from deceiving the nations** (under a **heavy lid**) so the gospel can spread worldwide. As with the shekinah glory/angel hosts who swarmed around the throne at Creation, the bride is being gathered by the Spirit (**dove**) around Christ's throne hovering over the (**waters**) nations. The world is now under the **rule** of Christ. Having crushed and deposed the serpent, He will rule until *all* enemies are under His feet.

Men freed from sin - world dominion of the twice-born commanded

Symbolic **1000 years** of the rule of greater **Solomon** as the saints ride out with Christ to conquer and **plunder** the world with the sword of His mouth (this present gospel age). The Lord's supper is a communion with the saints in heaven at the marriage supper, and it is a BATTLE feast. First marriage, then war. After the supper we ride out into the world with Christ to conquer it by proclamation, prayer and charity.

Satan released as final battle with spiritual Haman-Gog/Amalek/Edomites/Canaanites - ie. **sinners**. "*surround the holy city*" (as did Haman, Herod/Rome), "*the camp of the saints*" (as did Amalek). Both Satan and the false brothers are defeated quickly. The **dead are raised** for judgment, the sheep and goats are separated one last time (**wheat threshed**) and the plunders go into the eternal state. Christ hands his authority over to the Father, having reigned over the nations with a rod of iron until all enemies were underfoot. "So shall we always be with the Lord."

The same pattern is found in Abraham's and Jacob's lives, the Exile/Restoration period with Gog and Magog (Haman-Agag/Amalek) in the middle, and with events under David/Amalek/Solomon, and also with the mini-covenant made with the northern kingdom prophets, parting the river and building a house for God (school of the prophets). The Exile/Restoration has the most obvious similarities, also being the introduction of the woman of Babylon/Shinar which links it to the Revelation events. Zechariah seems to join the Restoration to the Revelation in many ways. It has the dry bones, the intermarriage compromise (Ezra), Amalek (Gog), horsemen, the world plundered, a new temple built, and a newnational name, the Jews.

OT BREAD ... BROKEN

WARNING

Priest pillar

Jachin

Aaron

Word/Bread

MEDIATOR

Ark

Moses

Defeat of Amalek

JUDGMENT

King pillar

Boaz

Hur (Judah)

Stone/Wine

NT GRAPES/WINE ... POURED OUT

CHRIST CONQUERS GARDEN (TOMB), LAND (AD70), WORLD (PRESENT AGE)