

# *Unlocking The Mystery & Treasure Of Our Inheritance*

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### *Revelation in Relation to Genesis*

The apostle John clearly took for granted his readers would be familiar with the rest of the Bible and prepared to accept and understand God's last climatic written revelation as His completed Word.

Ps. 119:89 The Word of the LORD is eternal and it stands firm in the heavens.

Gradually, God fulfilled what He had foretold through the prophets. [Acts 3:18] God had been revealing His Word from His heart, through His prophets, from heaven to mankind on earth.

When Messiah came, His Word became flesh and was transmitted into writing through Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and others. Finally, about 100 years after Christ was born,

John, the last surviving Apostle, was chosen to finish the Bible. Then God's Word was complete.

Note: The book of Revelation contains concepts, not only from Genesis, but also from the entire Bible. It is estimated that more than 2/3 of the verses in Revelation contain quotations or allusions from the Old Testament.

Rom. 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

There are a number of specific themes that began in Genesis [Innocence, Conscience, Human Government, Promise] that are either elaborated on, or referenced in Revelation.

1. The original creation of the world is specifically mentioned in Revelation 4 times.

[4:11; 10:6; 13:8; 14:7]

2. There is an implicit reference to Noah's Flood in Rev. 14:7.

There is an implicit reference to the rainbow covenant with Noah in Revelation 10:1.

3. The age-long conflict between the seed of the serpent and the Seed of the woman, introduced in Genesis 3:15, is discussed at length in Rev. 12:1-17. The old serpent of the Garden of Eden is clearly identified there as Satan, the deceiver of the whole world [Rev. 12:9].

4. The post-Flood rebellion that began at Babel under Nimrod is developed and analyzed throughout history until its climax under the coming antichrist at Babylon the Great in Revelation 17 and 18.

5. There is a reference to the wickedness of Sodom in Rev. 11:8 and burning sulfur in Rev. 14:10.

6. In the letters to the 7 churches, the tree of life and paradise are mentioned in Rev. 2:7.

7. The cherubim of Genesis 3:24 are probably the living creatures mentioned in Rev. 4:6-8.

8. Rev. 5:5: Christ is called the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, which is a reference to Jacob's prophecy in Genesis 49:9. In the same prophecy the mention of washing clothes in blood is picked up in Rev. 1:5, 7:14 and 19:13.

All Jacob's children are named in John's prophecy with the exception of Dan, in Rev. 7:4-8.

## *Exodus In Revelation*

Numerous similarities exist between the plagues in Exodus and the plagues of the Tribulation Period. God sent the original "plagues of Biblical proportions" on Pharaoh and the Egyptians. John foresees a series of worldwide divine plagues that are the ultimate in Biblical proportions.

1. Literal Plagues - In the same way the plagues of Egypt were literal and historical events, so the plagues of the Tribulation period will be too.
2. Both illustrate the same insolent challenge to the true God on the part of the Gentile powers.  
Ps. 2:1-3 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.
  - a. In Exodus, an evil Pharaoh arose, seeking to oppress and destroy the children of Israel.
  - b. In Revelation, anti-Christ will arise, seeking to oppress and destroy the people of God [both Israel and the believers in Jesus Christ].
3. Both are divine judgments that go beyond any natural explanation.
4. There will be a similar but infinitely greater preliminary miracle like in:
  - a. Ex. 7:12 For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.
  - b. The Rapture of the Church will precede the Tribulation Period and God's Wrath.
5. Same swift progression in the severity of the divine judgments which follow and a striking parallel in the nature of the judgments.
6. Both sets of plagues are warnings offering the ungodly an opportunity to repent.
  - a. Pharaoh refused to repent [Ex. 7:13, 23; Ex. 8:15, 19, 22; Ex. 9:34]
  - b. Earth Dwellers will refuse to repent during the Tribulation. [Rev. 6:16-17; 9:20; 16:9, 11, 21]
  - c. Plagues test the opponents of God demonstrating the hardness of their hearts.
  - d. God gains the glory in the events of their judgment.
7. Both speak of God's purpose to deliver His people and lead them to their inheritance.
8. Both result in salvation and victory for the people of God.
9. Same victorious outcome: the destruction of the antichrist and his armies in the judgment of Armageddon; the deliverance of Israel.
10. Definite parallel between the supernatural preparation for the kingdom in history under Moses and the supernatural judgments to be poured out upon a rebellious world in preparation for the Millennial Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ at His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming.
  - a. Plagues of Egypt resulted in the overthrow of Egypt and the birth of the theocratic kingdom of Israel.
  - b. The plagues of the Tribulation will result in the overthrow of the system of Antichrist and usher in the Millennial Kingdom and establish the reign of Jesus Christ on the throne of David.
11. Another song of victory - It's glory to God, both in Exodus and Revelation.
  - a. Song of Moses in Exodus 15 after the crossing of the Red Sea -victory & praise to God
  - b. Song of Moses in Rev. 15:3: And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

The plagues of God's judgments on Egypt furnish a striking prophetic forecast of God's future judgments upon the world during the 7 year Tribulation Period - the Time of Jacob's Trouble

#### 1. Israel Shall Again Be Sorely Oppressed And Afflicted

Jer. 30:5-9 For thus says the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it. For it shall come to pass in that day, says the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him: But they will serve the Lord their God and David's [descendant] their King, Whom I will raise up for them.

#### 2. God Will Command Their Oppressors To: Let Them Go

Isa. 43:5-6 Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;

#### 3. God Will Send 2 Witnesses To Work Miracles Before Their Enemies

Exodus: God raised up two witnesses (Moses and Aaron) to prophesy against Pharaoh's power.

Revelation: God will raise up two witnesses to prophesy against the power of Anti-Christ.

Rev. 11:3-6 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. And if any man will hurt them, fire proceeds out of their mouth, and devours their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. These have power to shut heaven that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

#### 4. Their Enemies Will Also Perform Miracles

Rev. 13:11-15 Then I saw another beast rising up out of the land [itself]; he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke (roared) like a dragon. He exerts all the power and right of control of the former beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell upon it to exalt *and* deify the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed, *and* to worship him. He performs great signs (startling miracles), even making fire fall from the sky to the earth in men's sight. And because of the signs (miracles) which he is allowed to perform in the presence of the [first] beast, he deceives those who inhabit the earth, commanding them to erect a statue (an image) in the likeness of the beast who was wounded by the [small] sword and still lived.

And he is permitted [also] to impart the breath of life into the beast's image, so that the statue of the beast could actually talk and cause to be put to death those who would not bow down *and* worship the image of the beast.

## 5. God Will Execute Sore Judgments [plagues] Upon The World

Jer. 25:15-16 For thus says the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this wrath from my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it. They shall drink and reel to and fro and be crazed because of the sword that I will send among them.

Recall: In Exodus, God sent the plagues upon Egypt, the greatest world power of that time, to demonstrate His power and judge Egypt for its mistreatment of the children of Israel. In Revelation, plagues will fall upon all the nations of the world which defy the God of Israel. God will demonstrate His power to the world and the gods of this world, and judge all the nations for their treatment of His covenant people Israel.

Joel 3:2 "I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there on behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; And they have divided up My land."

### Plague #1: Turning Water Into Blood - Water Will Again Be Turned Into Blood

Blood speaks of death. This is the doom that awaits those who defy God.

Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death;

a. Rev. 8:8-9 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

b. Rev. 11:6 These [2 witnesses] have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

c. Rev. 16:3-6 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea. And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and was, and shall be, because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

Recall: Pharaoh's magicians tried imitating Moses with their tricks.

Revelation: Anti-Christ's false prophet will seek to deceive many with his false signs.

Rev. 13:14 "And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by means of the miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast."

### Plague #2 - Frogs: Satanic Frogs Will Appear

a. Moral significance of these "frogs"- only mention of these creatures in the New Testament.

Rev. 16:13-14 "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the Dragon, and out of the mouth of the Beast, and out of the mouth of the False Prophet".

For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

- a. Frogs are used to symbolize the Powers of evil and stand for *uncleanness*.
- b. The frogs made manifest the character of the Devil's works—uncleanness.

#### Plague #5 Livestock in the field

a. Rev. 6:8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with famine, and with pestilence, and with the beasts of the earth.

#### Plague #6 Boils

a. Rev. 16:2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

#### Plague #7 Hail

Rev. 8:7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

Rev. 16:21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent[~100 lbs.]: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

#### Plague #8 Locusts

Rev. 9:2-11 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. There came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. [God's protection: Israel in land of Goshen]

And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he strikes a man. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

### Plague #9 Darkness

Rev. 8:12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

Rev. 9:2 He opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

Rev. 16:10-11 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

### Plague #10 - Death of Firstborn - Death Will Consume Multitudes

Rev. 9:13-16 Then the sixth angel blew [his] trumpet, and from the four horns of the golden altar which stands before God I heard a solitary voice, Saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, Liberate the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.

Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. The number of their troops of cavalry was twice ten thousand times ten thousand (200,000,000); I heard what their number was.

Rev. 19:19-21 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant was slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

### 6. Wicked Will Harden Their Hearts

From the Nile River the plagues came into their homes and then on their skin.

In spite of the awesome signs of God's judgment, Pharaoh continually hardened his heart. In Revelation, the people refused to repent in spite of God's wrath.

Rev. 6:14-17 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Rev. 9:20-21 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Rev. 16:9, 11 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory. They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

Rev. 16:21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

#### 7. God Will Protect His Own People From Them

Through all these plagues, God makes a distinction between Egypt [world] and Israel.

a. Exodus 9:26 "Only in the land of Goshen, where the sons of Israel were, there was no hail."

Rev. 7:3-4 "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads!" And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

b. Exodus: Sons of Israel overcame the angel of death by means of the lamb's blood on the doorposts of their homes.

Rev. 12:11 the children of God will overcome Satan "by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony

Rev. 12:6, 14-16 And the woman [Israel] fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

#### 8. They Will Cry Unto God and He Will Hear And Answer

Exodus: the children of Israel suffered in bondage until their cries aroused God's compassion.

In the last days, the blood of the saints will also cry out to God.

There will be darkness and despair, tears and terror.

Rev. 6:10 "They cried out with a loud voice: 'Lord, the One who is holy and true, how long until You judge and avenge our blood from those who live on the earth?'"

#### 9. Israel Will Be Delivered

In Exodus, the armies of Pharaoh foolishly defy God by coming out to attack Israel.

In Revelation, the armies of the nations will defy God by making a final assault against Israel.

In Exodus, God splits the sea to deliver his people.

In Revelation, Messiah will split both the heavens and the earth to deliver his people.

In Exodus, the armies of Egypt are drowned in the sea.

In Revelation, the armies of anti-Christ are consumed by nuclear fire.

Zech. 14:3-4 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

Romans 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

By the time the Israelites left Egypt, they had a clear picture of God's power, God's protection, and God's plan for them. For those who were willing to believe, they had convincing evidence they served the true and living God. Sadly, many still failed to believe, which led to other trials and lessons by God. The result for the Egyptians and the other ancient people of the region was a dread of the God of Israel. Even after the tenth plague, Pharaoh once again hardened his heart and sent his chariots after the Israelites. When God opened a way through the Red Sea for the Israelites, then drowned all of Pharaoh's armies there, the power of Egypt was crushed, and the fear of God spread through the surrounding nations [Joshua 2:9-11].

This was the very purpose God had declared at the beginning.

We can look back on these events today to confirm our faith in, and our fear of, this true and living God, the Judge of all the earth.

At the completion of the plagues of Egypt, God parted the Red Sea [Ex. 14:21; Neh. 9:11] allowing Israel to escape from Egypt and travel to Mount Sinai where Moses was given the Law and the theocracy of Israel was established.

The gathering of Israel at the end of the Tribulation will be by similar miraculous power.

Isa. 11:15-16 And the LORD shall utterly destroy [doom & dry up] the tongue of the Egyptian sea; [west fork of the Red Sea] and with his mighty scorching wind shall He will shake his hand over the river [Nile], and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod.

And there shall be an highway from Assyria for the remnant left of his people; as there was for Israel when they came up out of the land of Egypt.

Zech. 10:10-12 I will also bring them back from the land of Egypt, and gather them from Assyria. I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon, until no more room is found for them. He shall pass through the sea with affliction, and strike the waves of the sea: all the depths of the River shall dry up. Then the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the scepter of Egypt shall depart. "So I will strengthen them in the LORD, and they shall walk up and down in His name," says the LORD.

The result will be the establishment of the Millennial Kingdom on earth [Rev. 20:4-6].

Isa. 9:-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.