

Discipleship and Testimony of the Believer

Most people come to faith in Christ through the **testimony** of a **family member**.

It's important that we **pray** for our **unsaved relatives**.

And just as important that we **always** maintain our focus, that we maintain our **testimony** as faithful obedient believers in Jesus Christ, whom we associate with our **unsaved family members**.

Our testimony: is what they **see in us**, and what they **hear from us**.

1. If we are a **disciple of Christ** they will **see the word of God** acted out in the circumstances of our day.

2. If we are a **disciple of Christ**, they will **hear an understanding of God vocalized** in our communications.

Matthew 5:14-16 (NAS)

14 "You are the **light of the world**. As the light of a city cannot be hidden, ...

15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a lampstand, and it **gives light to all** who are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Proverbs 4:18 (NAS)

18 But **the path of the just** is like the shining sun, **That shines ever**

brilliant unto the perfect day.

It's impossible that you will not be **seen** and **heard**.

Under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the author is assuming that the normal daily conduct of those who have **been justified** is that they are spreading the gospel through their **unique conduct**, and communications.

It is assumed that the **normal course** of the **just**, continually increases in their understanding of scripture.

Thus, his testimony to the unsaved, becomes more and more effective.

John 8:12 (NAS)

12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the **light** of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the **light** of life."

Philippians 2:14,16 (NAS)

14 **Do all things without complaining and disputing**, so that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without

fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as **lights** in the world,

16 **holding fast the word of life** so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

Paul's labors toward the justified believers were that they might become transformed by the

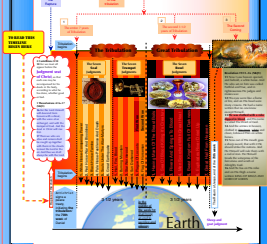
WORD of TRUTH

12.22.24

Revelation

A Birdseye view of chapters 4 through 16

CHRONOLOGICAL BREAKDOWN OF THE TRIBULATION



Revelation 4: pictures of the throne room of God, and that the church has been captured, which is identified by the 24 elders.

Revelation 5: still picturing the throne room of God, the **Lamb of God** having been found worthy, **takes the scroll of judgment** title deed to the Earth, which represents **how Christ's legal right to rule over the Earth**. He takes this **scroll** from the **other's right hand**.

Chapter 6 through chapter 9 there are 3 successive series of judgments.

Revelation 6: the **Lamb** begins to open the seals, **four living creatures** each according to their **seal judgment invite John to "come and see"**. These are the **four human judgments**.

The 1st SEAL was the cry of the martyrs under the altar.

The **7th seal** reveals another series of seven judgments, it's opened and executed in chapter 8:1-6.

These are the **trumpet judgments**.

Revelation 7: is a parenthesis between the 6th and 7th seal judgments.

144,000 of all the tribes of Israel are sealed, 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes.

Revelation 8:7-9:21: this is where the first 6 of the 7 **trumpet judgments** are sounded.

The 1st man Adam.

The 1st man Adam originally had the legal right to rule the Earth, but he did not submit to God's authority and lost his right to rule over the Earth.

The seal judgments and trumpet judgments occur during the first half of the tribulation.

The **7th trumpet** does not sound until chapter 11:15.

Revelation 10: begins an interlude in the sequential judgments.

Revelation 10:1-2 (NAS)
10 I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head. His face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.
2 He had a **little book** open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land.

John is told to eat the **little book** vs. 8:11

Revelation 11:1-14: picture things that have been going on already, back into the previous chapters of **Revelation** and beyond that, into the **O.T.** Certain historical threads are being side-together from the **O.T.** combined with the earlier chapters of **Revelation** in order to develop a current picture at the **midpoint of the Tribulation**, as Jesus Christ is bringing human history to its culmination point.

Revelation 11: the two witnesses (prophets) ministry to the remnant of Israel; the tribulation generation of Jews.

chapter 11:15-18 The **7th trumpet** sounds.

Revelation 12: speaks of the angelic conflict between the **great fiery red dragon** and corporate Israel.

This chapter takes us up to, and through the midpoint of the **tribulation**.

Revelation 13:1-18: the **1st beast** who begins his role at the initiation of the first half of the tribulation, where he signs a peace treaty with Israel, and establishes his competing confederacy out of the ten horns, and establishes his rule over the Earth.

Revelation 13:11-18: the **2nd beast** (false prophet), seals the **1st beast** religious, ruling authority as the imposter of Christ.

Revelation 14:1-5: the Lamb on Mountain Zion with the 144,000 beginning to sing the 3 angels proclaiming the gospel.

Revelation 15:1-6: the final series of judgments, identified as **bowl judgments**.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.