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Revelations

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Chronological Issues in the Book of Revelations

In this article speaks about some different interpretations regarding the book of revelations. The argument relies upon the actions during the tribulation. Some scholars and theologians say that all three series of judgements happen in the second half of the tribulation which are the seals, trumpets and bowls. Other scholars say that some such as the seal will be first and the trumpet will be part of the second half. The final view is that the series of trumpets and seals are first then comes the bowls in the second half. The article takes a close look on the events with a telescopic interpretation meaning saying they all go together. They break down each series to determine if it's part of the first half or second half. It gives us the reader info on why they see the events of revelations are the way the see it as.

First are the seals, the scholars that believed the seals are in the first half of the tribulation comes back to the passage in Matthew 24 where Jesus predicts persecution and false Christ and wars in the world. I personally agree, I can't see how it is going to be in the second. This was self-explanatory Jesus tells the people in the temple in including his disciples the

different seals that is to come in his return correlates to the one seen in Revelations 6. It is clearly before the trumpets.

In the Chapter 7 of the book of Revelations there's an interlude before going to the seventh seal, it speaks about the 144,000 sons of Israel. I think according to the articles isn't really part of the sixth seal, it was just the next vision that John saw and not exactly part of the seals. My argument towards why it isn't part of the sixth seal is that judgement has occurred yet, everyone is equal in Gods eyes. Also, in Chapter 7 when its mentioned about 144,000 it says "And I heard" it wasn't until verse 9 when John said "After these things" initially saying he was done hearing from the Lord about 144,000 but see saw instead a great multitude. How much is a multitude it could be more than 144,000, also mentions all tribes not just the tribe of Israel.

There are many events repeated in revelations. It is called the semitic literacy pattern it is when a summary of an event is then later given details in the later chapters. Revelations has a lot of examples of this. The beast rising but not doing until later in the book. Descriptive meaning of 144,000 meaning the first fruits. We have to remember that revelations is a detailed book about what is to come in the end times. I thing that concerns me when reading is will it scare me or will I know I will be okay when Jesus comes back.