Final Rise of the Beast Rule of Antichrist

I. World Ruler "Yet to Come"

- Last of seven heads on the beast Rev. 17:10
 Personification of all that the beast represented
 Blasphemy against God Rev. 13:1, 6
 Oppression & persecution of God's people 13:7
- He is "Prince that shall come" in Daniel 9:26-27
 Connected to people who destroyed Jerusalem
 Some believe he must come from Roman Empire
 May simply mean he is part of same 7 headed
 beast
- Begins reign bringing hope to Israel Dan. 9:27
 He makes a 7 year covenant with Israel
 1st seal white horse, bow & crown Rev. 6:1-2
 Rider comes conquering peacefully Satan –
 2 Corinthians 11:14
- 4. Peace doesn't last, war follows 2nd seal 6:3-4 Prince breaks covenant after 31/2 yrs.– Dan 9:27
- 5. Breaking of covenant desecrates worship 9:27 With "Abomination of desolation" cp. Antiochus
- Jesus makes that a call to flee Matthew 24:15
 Abomination that desecrates is in the Holy Place Marks beginning of Great Tribulation–Matt. 24:21
 In mercy God limits this time to 3 1/2 years
- 7. Paul warns of coming ruler— 2 Thess. 2:3-4, 8-12 Ruler is called "man of sin" & "son of perdition" He is in opposition to God Exalts himself above all gods objects of worship He sits in Temple of God saying that he is god Empowered by Satan to do miracles to deceive Those who reject God's truth believe his lie
- 8. Worship of this ruler and of Satan Rev. 13:4
 Beast system's False Prophet promotes worship
 All worship focused on image of beast & Satan –
 11-15

Those who will not worship are killed Satan, through man, reaches his goal— Isa. 14:14 Religion of harlot is done away — Rev. 17:16-17 Final departure from God - all worship focused on man and Satan

II. Persecution of God's People

- Ruler makes war with God's people Rev. 13:7
 Why Jesus warned them to flee Matt. 24:15-21
 Persecution is focused on Israel Rev. 12:13
 Woman is identified as Israel Rev. 12:1-6
 Conflict with dragon Satan Rev. 12:7-13
- 2. God intervenes, helps His people–Rev. 12:14-17 This hatred is seen with two prophets 11:7-10 God restores & takes them to heaven 11:11-12 Before it begins God seals 144,000 Rev. 7:4-8 He also took great multitude out of Trib. 7:9-17

III. God's Wrath Poured Out on the Beast

- 1. Men still try to hide from God Rev. 6:12-17 There is no repentance or submission to God
- 2. With pouring out of God's wrath no repentance With trumpets of judgment; no repentance 9:20-21
 - With bowls of wrath; no repentance 16:9-11, 21
- 3. At return of Christ no repentance 19:19-21
 Beast & armies of earth make war against Christ
 Christ defeats all those who rebel– 19:11-16
- 4. Beast, False Prophet cast in Lake of Fire- 19:20
- 5. Satan bound in the Pit for 1,000 years 20:1-3

IV. Rebellion Continues - Rev. 20:7-9

- Christ reigns in peace & righteousness-1,000 yrs Curse lifted, men experience God's rule, ideal conditions
- 2. Satan is released to provide man a choice Many reject Christ's rule, follow Satan in rebellion
 - They attack the saints and the city of God Except a man be born again cannot see God's Kingdom
- 3. Satan is cast into the Lake of Fire Rev. 20:10 Eternal torment separated from God
- 4. Unbelievers judged cast into Lake of fire–11-15 Man made his choice rejecting Jesus Christ