

From Darkness to Light: The Story of the Bible from Beginning to End

	<u>Creation</u>	<u>Crucifixion</u>	<u>Coming Again</u>	<u>Consummation</u>
Fall of Satan	Rev 12:3 Another sign appeared in heaven: and behold a great red dragon.... Rev 12:9 ...who is called the devil and Satan Rev 12:4 and his tail swept away a third of the stars ¹ of heaven , and threw them to the earth ² .	Luke 10:18 "I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning." John 12:31 ...now the ruler of this world shall be cast out ³ .	Rev 9:1a ...I saw Rev 8:10 ...a great star fell from heaven ⁴ Matt 24:29b and the stars will fall from the sky ⁵ Rev 9:1b a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth ²	Rev 20:10 And the devil ⁶ ... was thrown into the lake of fire.... Rev 21:23 The city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God has illumined it.... Rev 21:5 And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Rev 21:10 And He showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, Rev 21:11 having the glory of God ⁴ . Its brilliance was like a very costly stone.... Rev 21:1 ...the first earth passed away.... Matt 8:12 ...the sons of the kingdom ⁸ shall be cast out into the outer darkness ¹⁹ Rev 21:23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.
Darkness	Gen 1:2 And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep ⁷	Matt 27:45 Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon the whole land until the ninth hour	Matt 24:29a ...the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light,	Rev 21:23 The city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God has illumined it.... Rev 21:5 And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Rev 21:10 And He showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, Rev 21:11 having the glory of God ⁴ . Its brilliance was like a very costly stone.... Rev 21:1 ...the first earth passed away.... Matt 8:12 ...the sons of the kingdom ⁸ shall be cast out into the outer darkness ¹⁹ Rev 21:23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.
Voice from Heaven	Gen 1:3 Then God said , "Let there be light."	John 12:28 There came ...a voice out of heaven : "I have glorified it (i.e. My name ⁹) and I will glorify it again ¹¹ ."	1 Thess 4:16 ...the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout....	Rev 21:5 And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Rev 21:10 And He showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, Rev 21:11 having the glory of God ⁴ . Its brilliance was like a very costly stone.... Rev 21:1 ...the first earth passed away.... Matt 8:12 ...the sons of the kingdom ⁸ shall be cast out into the outer darkness ¹⁹ Rev 21:23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.
Heaven/Splitting of Veil	Gen 1:8 And God called the expanse heaven .	Matt 27:51 And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom ¹² ,	Rev 6:14 And the sky ¹³ was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up;	Rev 21:10 And He showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, Rev 21:11 having the glory of God ⁴ . Its brilliance was like a very costly stone.... Rev 21:1 ...the first earth passed away.... Matt 8:12 ...the sons of the kingdom ⁸ shall be cast out into the outer darkness ¹⁹ Rev 21:23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.
Earth/Earthquake	Gen 1:10 And God called the dry land earth ¹⁵	and the earth shook....	and every mountain and island moved out of their places ¹⁶ . so shall	Rev 21:1 ...the first earth passed away.... Matt 8:12 ...the sons of the kingdom ⁸ shall be cast out into the outer darkness ¹⁹ Rev 21:23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.
Light	Gen 1:4 ...and God separated the light from the darkness .	Matt 28:1 ...as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week.... Matt 28:2 an angel of the Lord descended from heaven.... Matt 28:3 And his appearance was like lightning	Matt 24:27b the coming of the Son of Man be ⁷ . For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west,	Rev 21:23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

¹ In the book of Revelation stars often symbolize angels (Rev 1:20) but can also represent physical stars. An example of this is in the third through the fifth trumpets (Rev 8:10-9:1). In the third (Rev 8:10-11) and fifth trumpet (Rev 9:1) the falling star is an allusion to Satan in Isaiah 14:12 ("How have you fallen from heaven, O star of the morning"), whereas in the fourth trumpet (Rev 8:12) stars represent the stars of heaven, being a parallel to Matthew 24:29, etc.

² If the original fall of Satan occurred after the creation of Genesis 1, it was a very major event which was not mentioned in the creation story. On the other hand, since the water covered earth of the flood (Gen 7:19-20) was triggered by God's judgment on the fall of angels to the earth (Gen 6:1-6; cf. Jude 6-7), the water covered earth of Genesis 1:2 may similarly have been the result of God's judgment on the earth when it was first invaded by Satan and his horde of one-third of the angels of heaven who fell with him (Cf. Mark 5:13).

³ On the basis of the victory of Christ on the cross, Satan will be cast out of heaven where he now has access (Job 1:6-12). According to Revelation 12:6-14, this will occur three and one half years before the second coming of Christ.

⁴ See footnote 1.

⁵ The Greek word translated "Sky in Matthew 24:29 *ouranos*, is the same word translated heaven in Revelation 12:4 and Luke 12:31.

⁶ The devil at this point has already been cast out of heaven to the earth (Rev 12:6-14).

⁷ The Bible begins with a dark, water covered earth.

⁸ The darkening of the sun is a sign of a day of the Lord (Joel 2:31), which is a day of God's wrath (Zeph 2:31). The crucifixion was a day of the Lord, a day of God's wrath upon his Son, who was experiencing God's wrath vicariously for the sins of his people.

⁹ The Bible begins with a dark water-covered earth (Gen 1:2) and ends with an earth with no night (Rev 21:25 and no sea (Rev 21:1).

¹⁰ In Judaism a person's name represented his total character.

¹¹ Jesus spoke these words just before the Last Supper (John 13:1ff) and His crucifixion which was His glory (Cf. Mark 10:37; 15:27). In the Bible there is a relationship between glory and light the holy place of the temple there was a lampstand whose purpose was "to shed light" (Exod 25:37) continually. This anticipates the lamp of the temple/throne room of the New Jerusalem where "the glory of God illumined it and its lamp is the Lamb" (Rev 21:23). Even during Jesus earthly ministry he could say, "I am the light of the world...." (John 8:12), and John could testify, "We beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten of the Father" (John 1:14). Cf. Gen 1:3.

¹² The splitting of the veil separating the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies in the temple symbolized that every believer now has direct access to God because of Christ as our Great High Priest who once for all offered Himself as the sacrifice for His people (Heb 7:27; 9:11-28). Only once a year could a Jewish high priest enter the Holy of Holies (Lev 16:23-26-32; Num 29:7-11), but now, as every believer is a priest (1Pet 2:9; Rev 5:10), all God's people now have direct access to God in His temple/throne room (Heb 4:14-16).

¹³ Just as once a year the high priest on the day of atonement passed out of sight of the people through the veil into the Holy of Holies (Lev 16:15,17), so Christ our "great high priest... passed through the heavens" the veil of the heavenly sanctuary, out of the sight of his watching disciples (Acts 1:9-11) (NASB Study Bible, 1787). The primary color of the veil of the temple was blue along with purple and scarlet, all colors of the heavenly veil (Exod 26:31). (The Greek word for sky is *ouranos*, usually translated heaven.)

¹⁴ The new Jerusalem (Rev 21:2) is described as 1390 mile cube, a huge holy of holies (Rev 21:16), the temple/throne room of the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb (Rev 21:22). The progression is therefore that following the crucifixion the veil of the temple split apart giving all of God's people access to the way into the holy of holies (Matt 27:51), then just prior to the second coming the veil of the heavenly temple will be split apart allowing all mankind to see into the holy of holies of the heavenly sanctuary (Rev 6:14; Matt 24:29; 26:64), and then finally the heavenly holy of holies comes to earth as the new Jerusalem (Rev 21:2,10-22:5).

¹⁵ Note that days 1-3 of creation are alluded to in order and are prefaced by an allusion to Gen 1:2.

¹⁶ Cf. Rev 6:12.

¹⁷ Into the darkness of the day of the Lord (Matt 24:29), the Son of Man will come like a bolt of lightning.

¹⁸ I.e., the Jews who rejected their Messiah.

¹⁹ On the first day there was an initial separation between light and darkness (Gen 1:3) and on the last day there will be the final, permanent separation between the two (cf. Luke 16:26).