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# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

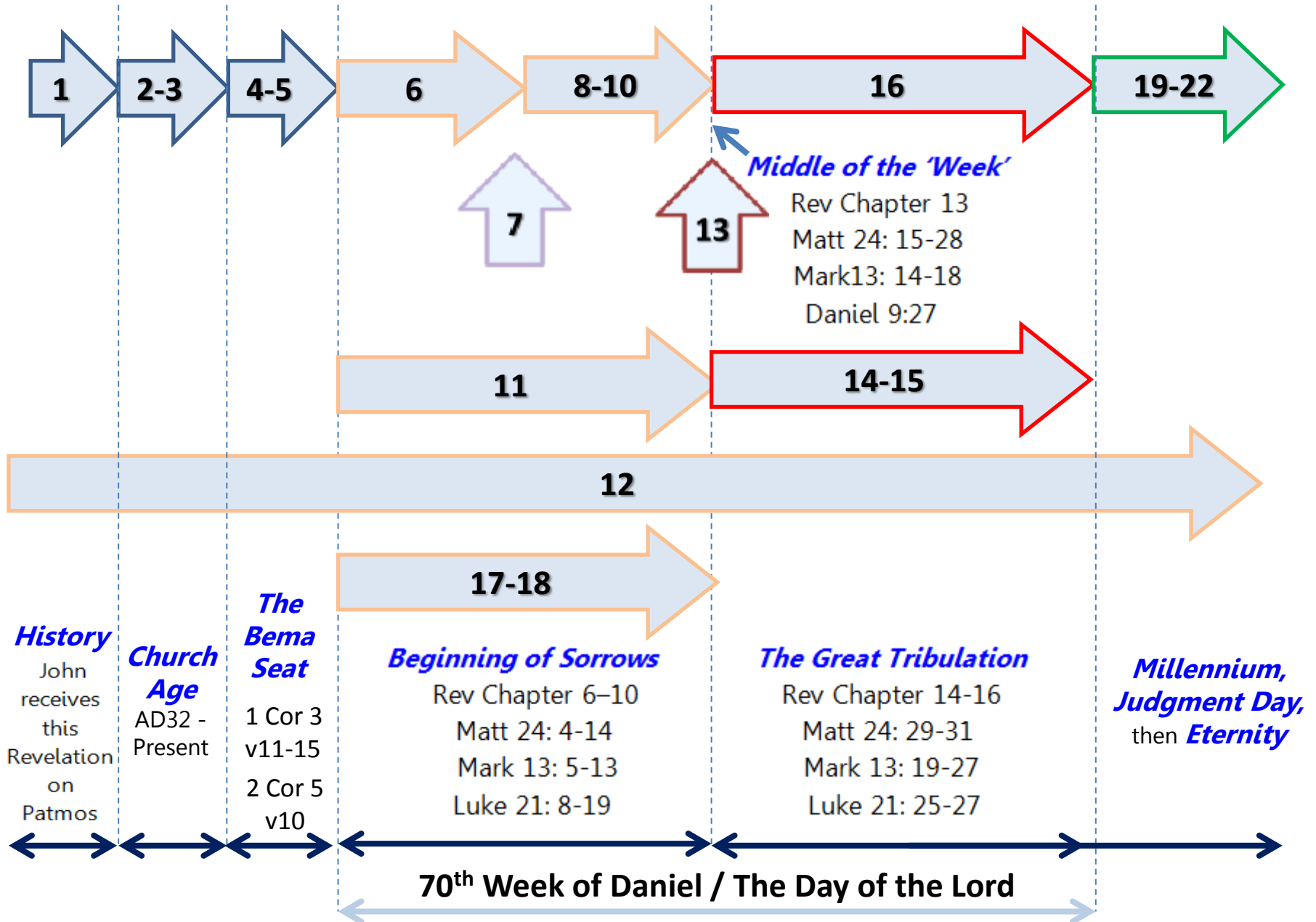
## Chapter 14

*Prelude to Wrath*

# Introduction

- Chapters 11-14 are parenthetical chapters, to give added information.
- Chapter 14 gives us an overview of key events that occur during the last 3 ½ years
- Ch14 is divided into 6 sections:
  - The redemption of the 144,000 v1-5
  - The everlasting Gospel proclaimed v6-7
  - The fall of Babylon v8
  - Judgment on those who take the mark v9-11
  - Tribulation martyrs v12-13
  - Prelude to wrath v14-20

# Revelation: Chronology by Chapter



# Prelude to Wrath

**21** For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

**22** And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

**Matthew 24:21-22**

# Prelude to Wrath

<sup>6</sup> Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:

<sup>8</sup> And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.

**Isaiah 13:6-9**

# Prelude to Wrath

9 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

**Isaiah 13:6-9**

# Prelude to Wrath

6 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?

7 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.

**Jeremiah 30:6-7**

# Prelude to Wrath

16 Therefore the LORD, the God of hosts, the Lord, saith thus; Wailing shall be in all streets; and they shall say in all the highways, Alas! alas! and they shall call the husbandman to mourning, and such as are skilful of lamentation to wailing.

17 And in all vineyards shall be wailing: for I will pass through thee, saith the LORD.

**Amos 5:16-20**



# Prelude to Wrath

18 Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light.

19 As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

20 Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

**Amos 5:16-20**

# Prelude to Wrath

14 The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

**Zephaniah 1:14-17**

# Prelude to Wrath

16 A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.

17 And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung.

**Zephaniah 1:14-17**

# Prelude to Wrath

1 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

**Zachariah 14:1-3**

# Prelude to Wrath

3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

**Zachariah 14:1-3**

# Prelude to Wrath

<sup>2</sup> For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

<sup>3</sup> For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

**1 Thessalonians 5:2-3**

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## Chapter 14

*Prelude to Wrath*

1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

**Revelation 14:1**

- John immediately draws our attention to the Lamb!
- *“He appears as a Lamb, a true Lamb, the Lamb of God. A counterfeit lamb is mentioned as rising out of the earth in the last chapter, which was really a dragon”* (Matthew Henry)



# The Lamb of God

- *“From the days of Abel to those of John the Baptist, the Lord Jesus is depicted as a lamb. The apostle John calls Him “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Rev. 13.8). In other words, God did not choose the lamb because it possessed characteristics of Christ, neither did He choose it for the sacrificial aspect. God created such an animal to represent Christ. Christ is the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world, before any lamb was ever created”.*

# The Lamb of God

- *“The Lord Jesus Christ has the qualities of a lamb. He was meek (Matt. 11:28–29). He was gentle (Mark 10:14). He was harmless — You never see a sign saying, “Beware of the lamb.” You see “Beware of the dog,” but not of the lamb. He was humble... His coming was a doxology. His stay was a blessing. His departure was a benediction. Even the unbelieving world has been fascinated by His life.*

# The Lamb of God

- *The lamb sets forth His sacrifice. Abraham said, "... God will provide himself a lamb ..."* (Gen. 22:8), and God did provide Himself a Lamb.

# The Lamb of God

- *But what about “the wrath”? Wrath is strange and foreign even to the person of God, is it not? God loves the good. God hates the evil. He does not hate as you and I hate. He is not vindictive. God is righteous, God is holy, and He hates that which is contrary to Himself. He says that Jehovah is a man of war. He is strong and mighty. He is mighty in battle. The gospel reveals the wrath of God.*

# The Lamb of God

- *Paul said, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness” (Rom. 1:18). Look at this world we are in, my friend. It already reveals the wrath of God, the judgment of God.*
- *It is like mixing fire and water to bring wrath and the Lamb together, but all the fury of the wrath of God is revealed in the Lamb...*

# The Lamb of God

- *There is a day coming when the wrath of the Lamb will be revealed. Somebody says, “I thought He was gentle and would not punish sin.” My friend, God said, “Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him” (Ps. 2:10–12).*

1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

**Revelation 14:1**

- Given all that saw re the mark of the beast, we see why it was such an offense
  - **Our lives are reserved for God's name**
- In Revelation 3:12 this is promised to all who are victorious in Christ

# The Seal of God

<sup>3</sup> And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

<sup>4</sup> And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

**Revelation 22:3-4**



1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

- This could be the earthly mount Zion?
  - which is the City of David i.e Jerusalem
    - 2 Samuel 5:7
      - If so, this must be following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming
- or the heavenly mount Zion
  - Hebrews 12:22.
    - If so the 144,000 must have been raptured at this point

- 2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:
- 3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

**Revelation 14:2-3**

4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

**Revelation 14:4-5**

## Second Section

The everlasting Gospel proclaimed

Verses 6-7

6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

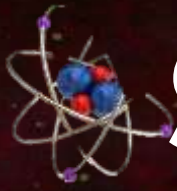
**Revelation 14:6**

- Can we take this literally?
- Why an angel to preach a gospel to man?
  - Because all who are saved are now removed
  - So that the man on the desert Island can hear!
- This is another 'evidence' that the 144,000 are now removed

<sup>7</sup> Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

**Revelation 14:7**

- Note what the angel says...
- 1) the hour of judgment is now here
- 2) God is the Creator of all things!



# Science vs. Evolution

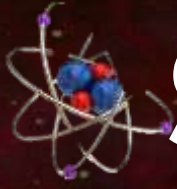
The observable facts that challenge the unobservable myth

Richard Dawkins, stated of religion:

- *“Religion demands belief in the supernatural”*

*Nothing exploded? becoming everything?*

*To be a molecular biologist requires one to hold onto two insanities at all times. One, it would be insane to believe in evolution when you can see the truth for yourself. Two, it would be insane to say you don't believe evolution. All government work, research grants, papers, big college lectures -- everything would stop. I'd be out of a job, or relegated to the outer fringes where I couldn't earn a decent living.*



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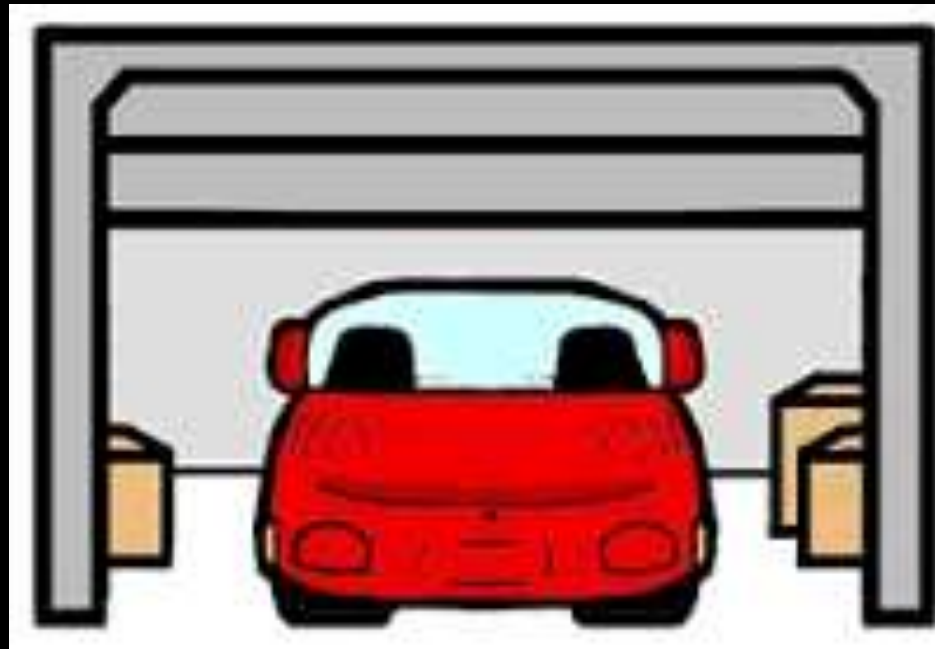
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The Information  
Problem



# Information = Intelligence

- Even if proteins and nucleotides could be formed by random chance, a potentially even bigger problem exists...



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## Information!

- You need intelligence to produce information.

# Information = Intelligence

- For example, a book consists of ink and pages. Even if the ink fell onto the pages and arranged itself by random chance into letters and words, it is still meaningless.
- Why? Because the only reason we can read it is because we know what the letter means. Each letter has a shape, which is meaningless unless there is a pre-agreed meaning for the shape

# Information = Intelligence

- Dawkins was asked:
- *"Can you give an example of a genetic mutation or evolutionary process that can be seen to increase the information in the genome?"*
- His answer?



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The Laws of  
Probability Problem



# A Mathematical Absurdity

- Sir Fred Hoyle, the British astronomer, calculated the probability of the origin of life being the result of random chance, by just looking at the possibility that the basic enzymes of life could have come about by random chance alone.



# A Mathematical Absurdity

- He concluded that it would be approximately one chance in 10 with **40,000** zeros after it!
  - yes, that's forty thousand zeros!
- In other words, it couldn't happen - ever!
- By way of comparison, there are estimated to be 'just'  $1 \times 10^{80}$  atoms in our universe.

# A Mathematical Absurdity

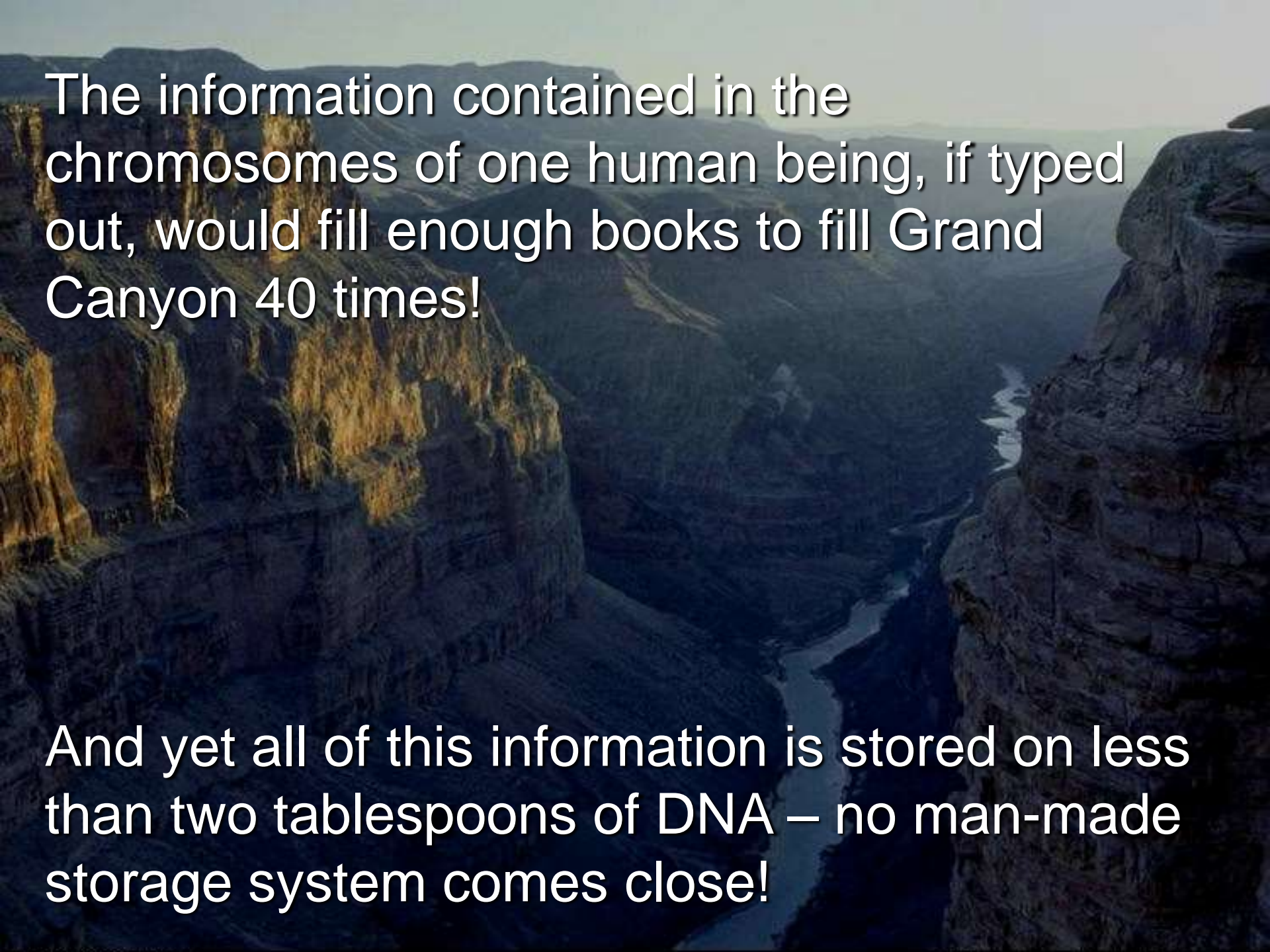
- Hoyle states:
- *“The likelihood of the formation of life from inanimate matter is  $10^{40,000}$ . It is enough to bury Darwin and the whole theory of evolution.*
- *If the beginnings of life were not random they must therefore have been the product of purposeful intelligence.”*

# A Mathematical Absurdity

- Harold Morroitz of Yale University in 1968 calculated that the chance of life evolving on earth is 1 chance in  $10^{100,000,000,000}$ 
  - that's one chance in 10 with 100 billion zeros after it!
- So by mathematical definition, all emotion aside, the theory of Evolution is absurd.



The code in the chromosomes is more complex and holds more information than all the computer programs ever written by man....combined!



The information contained in the chromosomes of one human being, if typed out, would fill enough books to fill Grand Canyon 40 times!

And yet all of this information is stored on less than two tablespoons of DNA – no man-made storage system comes close!

From conception until birth the baby adds 15,000 cells per minute to its body. Each cell is more complex than a space shuttle!



# Our Response?

*“Biologists must constantly keep in mind what they see was not designed, but evolved.”*

Francis Crick, Noble Laureate, DNA Research

*“I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.”*

King David of Israel 1000 BC (Psalm 139:14)

Third Section  
The Fall of Babylon  
Verse 8



8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

**Revelation 14:8**

- This is dealt with in ch 17-18
- After the flood Satan launched a 3-fold attack
  - **Physical** (ch12), **Political** (ch13) & **Religious** (17-18)
- In a nutshell, all false religions had their origins in Babylon...

## Fourth Section

Judgment on those who receive the mark

Verses 9-11

9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

**Revelation 14:9**

10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

**Revelation 14:10-11**

Fifth Section  
Tribulation Martyrs  
Verses 12-13

12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

**Revelation 14:12-13**

Sixth Section  
Prelude to Wrath  
Verses 14-20

14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

**Revelation 14:14-15**



16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

**Revelation 14:16-17**

18 And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

**Revelation 14:18**

19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the **vine of the earth** and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

**Revelation 14:19-20**

# The Vine of the Earth

- Noah had left the Ark with his 3 sons to build a new world
- God's sovereignty and majesty were uncontested
- Satan moved once again in an attempt to thwart God's plan of redemption
- Satan's man of the hour?
- Cush – Noah's grandson

# The Vine of the Earth

- Satan uses Cush to establish a 'vine'

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

**John 15:1**

- 'Genuine' as opposed to counterfeit
- Two other vines in scripture: both profess to lead men to the Father
- Psalm 80:8-15 - the Vine of Israel
- Revelation 14:9 – the Vine of the earth

# Degenerate Plant

- Israel were to be a witness to the nations, testifying to the God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob
- Through this vine, the nations were to come to the knowledge & fear of the One true God
- But... Israel (through disobedience) became a degenerate plant, thus a byword & proverb
- Rather than being a witness they brought God's name into disrepute
- However, the Jewish religious leaders still thought they were the only way to God

# Vine of Deception

- This 'Babylonian' vine is the epitome of false religion
- It promises a way to spiritual security...
- But leads to destruction
  
- So... in John 15,
- It is in contrast to these two vines (neither of which can lead anyone to the Father) that Jesus says 'I AM the genuine Vine'
  - A vine produces that which is presented to a king

# Vine of Deception

- This 'Babylonian' vine & source of all false religion
  - Began with Cush, founder of Babel
    - Hermes – 'son of Ham'
    - 'Confunder' (Jer 50:2)
  - Established by Nimrod (Bar-Cush)
  - Propagated by Semaramis
- It promises a way to spiritual security...
- ...but leads to destruction & the cup of wrath of God
  - cf. Numbers 5: 'Penalty for Adultery'



An open scroll with Hebrew text, illuminated by a warm light, set against a dark, textured background. The scroll is unrolled, showing two pages of text. The lighting is dramatic, with a bright glow emanating from the center of the scroll, creating a sense of revelation and divine light. The background is dark and textured, possibly representing a cave or a hidden place.

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To be continued...