

# The Sanctuary and Adventist Mission to a Post-Christian World

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# The Explicit Sanctuary Pattern

Developed From  
The Structure Of The Book

# The Explicit Pattern

Introduction	Vision
1:12-20	Seven Churches (2-3)
4 & 5	Seven Seals (6-7)
8:2-6	Seven Trumpets (8-11)
11:19	The Great War (12-14)
15:5-8	Seven Bowls (16-18)
19:1-10	Millennium (19-20)
21:1-8	New Earth (21-22)

# Rev 1:12-20

## Sanctuary Images in Rev 1:12-20

- Seven Golden Lampstands
- “Like a Son of Man”
- Footlength Robe and Golden Sash  
= High Priest’s Garment

# Rev 1:12-20

## A Mix of Sanctuary Images

Lampstands = Holy Place

“Son of Man” = Judgment (MHP?)

High Priest = Both Apartments

## Rev 1:12-20

**Where Is This Scene Taking Place?  
(earth or heaven?)**

Seen on Patmos (1:9-20)

Lampstands = Churches

4:1– “Come Up Here”

## Rev 1:12-20

**Christ Is In the Sanctuary of the Church!**

Holy and Most Holy Place Imagery

But Lampstands = Churches

Location on Earth

# NT Background

**Church is the *Naos* in the NT**

1 Cor 3:16-17

1 Pet 2:4-5

***Naos*** = NT word for Most Holy Place

**How Is This Appropriate to the Church?**



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**Jesus = The Shekinah Glory in the Midst of the NT Temple!**

# The Sanctuary in the NT

## What Is the Sanctuary in the NT?

Jesus!

Matt 12:6– “Something greater than the temple is standing here.”

John 2:19-21– “The temple of His body”

# The Sanctuary in the NT

**The Sanctuary in the NT Is Also  
Wherever Jesus Is**

Heaven-- Book of Hebrews

Church-- 1 Cor 3:16-17; 2 Cor 6

Body-- 1 Cor 6:19-20

# The Sanctuary in the NT

**What Then Is the Cleansing of the Sanctuary in NT Terms?**

Heaven	Vindicate God's Character Vindicate Our Character
Church	False Doctrines Administrative Systems
Body	Health Message Sanctification

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1:12-20 4 & 5 8:2-6 11:19 15:5-8 19:1-10 21:1-8	Church = Temple

## Rev 4-5

### A Thorough Mix of Images From the Entire Sanctuary

- Door (Solomon, Ezekiel– HP, MHP)
- Trumpet (Daily)
- Throne (Yearly?)
- 3 Stones = HP's Breastplate (Yearly?)
- 24 Elders (Daily-- Luke 1)
- Lampstands (Daily)
- Sea of Glass (Laver?)



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- Four Cherubim (Most Holy Place)
- Calf = Sin Offering (Lev 4)
- Isa 6 (MHP?)
- Lamb Slain (Daily)
- Horns (Daily)
- Incense (Daily)
- Priests (Daily)

## Rev 4-5

### **2 Occasions When the Whole Sanctuary Was Involved:**

Inauguration (Exod 40; 1 Kings 8)

Day of Atonement (Lev 16)

**Which of the Two Is More Likely Here?**

# Inauguration in Rev 4-5

Focus on Cross (5:6,9,12)

Focus on Intercession (5:8)

Absence of Judgment Language

Absence of Most Holy Place Language  
(Ark, **Naos**)

Lamb Instead of Male Goat

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## Rev 8:2-6

### Sanctuary Images in Rev 8:2-6:

- Golden Incense Altar
- Incense
- Censer
- Seven Trumpets

**Focus on Intercession**

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# Rev 11:19

## Sanctuary Images in Rev 11:19:

- The Ark of the Covenant
- The *Naos*
- First Reference to Judgment (11:18)

**Focus on Judgment/Day of Atonement**

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# Rev 15:5-8

## Sanctuary Images in Rev 15:5-8:

- The *Naos*
- White and Gold Garments (Like Rev 1)
- “Tabernacle of the Testimony” = Most Holy Place in Num 17
- Inauguration Language (Exod 40; 1 Kgs 8)
- *Naos* Empty During Plagues

**In Context a De-Inauguration**

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## Rev 19:1-10

### **Sanctuary Images in Rev 19:1-10:**

- Scene Is Clearly Parallel to Rev 4-5
- Mention of throne, worship and Lamb
- No Reference to Sanctuary or Its Furnishings

**The Sanctuary Is Absent**

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## Rev 21:1-8

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# Rev 21:1-8

## Sanctuary Images in Rev 21:1-8

- “Tabernacle” in 21:3
- New Jerusalem = Most Holy Place
  - Perfect Cube
  - Radiance = Shekinah
  - High Priest’s Stones
- Lamb = Lamp
- “Sacrificial Service” in 22:3

# Rev 21:1-8

Rev 1– “God With Us” = Spiritual

Rev 21-22– “God With Us” = Literal

In Both Cases on Earth

The Restoration of Eden

The Fulfillment of Exod 25



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21:1-8	City = Temple

## Exod 25:8

“Then have them make a sanctuary for me,  
and I will dwell among them.”

# Gen 1-2

## The Garden Before Sin

God  
Humanity

# Gen 3

## The Garden After Sin



God

Humanity

# Exod 25:8

## The Sanctuary at Mount Sinai

God

Representative  
Access Through  
Priests

Humanity

# Rev 1

## The Church on Earth

God

Humanity

Heavenly Places in Christ

Representative Access “in Christ”

# Rev 21-22

## The New Earth

Heaven Comes  
to Earth

Most Holy Place

Eden Restored

God  
Humanity

# NT Temple All Fulfilled

Christ = Temple

Church = New Jerusalem

Serve Him Day and Night in Temple

All on the Earth



# The Explicit Pattern

(1) Rev 1:12-20

Earth

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(2) Rev 4 & 5 (Inauguration)

(3) Rev 8:2-6 (Intercession)

(4) Rev 11:19 (Judgment)

(5) Rev 15:5-8 (Cessation)

(6) Rev 19:1-10 (Absence)

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(7) Rev 21:1-8

Earth



Heaven

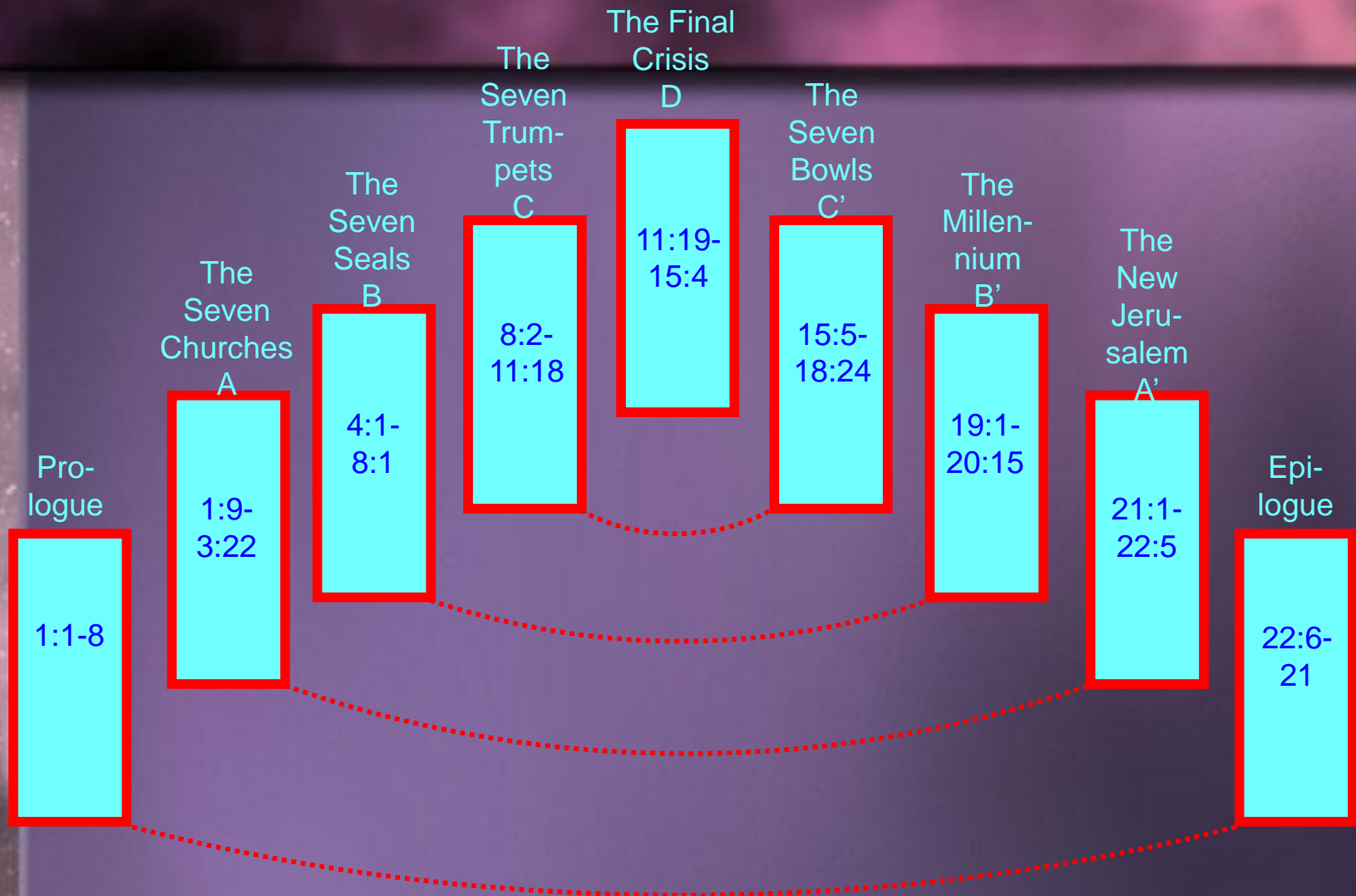


# The Explicit Pattern

## A VERTICAL VIEW HEAVEN



# The Chiasm of Revelation



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