

Animal Apocalypse

Source

[The Book of Enoch Chapter 85-91](#)

Adam and the Murder of Seth

And after this I saw another dream, and I will show the whole dream to thee, my son. 2. And [Enoch](#) lifted up (his voice) and spake to his son Methuselah: ' To thee, my son, will I speak: hear my words-incline thine ear to the dream-vision of thy father. 3. Before I took thy mother Edna, I saw in a vision on my bed, and behold a bull came forth from the earth, and that bull was white; and after it came forth a heifer, and along with this (latter) came forth two bulls, one of them black and the other red. 4. And that black bull gored the red one and pursued him over the earth, and thereupon I could no longer see that red bull. 5. But that black bull grew and that heifer went with him, and I saw that many oxen proceeded from him which resembled and followed him. 6. And that cow, that first one, went from the presence of that first bull in order to seek that red one, but found him not, and lamented with a great lamentation over him and sought him. 7. And I looked till that first bull came to her and quieted her, and from that time onward she cried no more. 8. And after that she bore another white bull, and after him she bore many bulls and black cows. 9. And I saw in my sleep that white bull likewise grow and become a great white bull, and from Him proceeded many white bulls, and they resembled him. And they began to beget many white bulls, which resembled them, one following the other, (even) many.

The Nephilim

And again I saw with mine eyes as I slept, and I saw the [heaven](#) above, and behold a star fell from [heaven](#), and it arose and eat and pastured amongst those oxen. 2. And after that I saw the large and the black oxen, and behold they all changed their stalls and pastures and their cattle, and began to live with each other. 3. And again I saw in the vision, and looked towards the [heaven](#), and behold I saw many stars descend and cast themselves down from [heaven](#) to that first star, and they became bulls amongst those cattle and pastured with them [amongst them]. 4. And I looked at them and saw, and behold they all let out their privy members, like horses, and began to cover the cows of the oxen, and they all became pregnant and bare elephants, camels, and asses. 5. And all the oxen feared them and were affrighted at them, and began to bite with their teeth and to devour, and to gore with their horns. 6. And they began, moreover, to devour those oxen; and behold all the children of the earth began to tremble and quake before them and to flee from them.

And again I saw how they began to gore each other and to devour each other, and the earth began to cry aloud. 2. And I raised mine eyes again to [heaven](#), and I saw in the vision, and behold there came forth from [heaven](#) beings who were like white men: and four went forth from that place and three with them. 3. And those three that had last come forth grasped me by my hand and took me up, away from the generations of the earth, and raised me up to a lofty place, and showed me a tower raised high above the earth, and all the hills were lower. 4. And one said unto me: ' Remain here till thou seest everything that befalls those elephants, camels, and asses, and the stars and the oxen, and all of them.'

And I saw one of those four who had come forth first, and he seized that first star which had fallen from the [heaven](#), and bound it hand and foot and cast it into an abyss: now that abyss was narrow and deep, and horrible and dark. 2. And one of them drew a sword, and gave it to those elephants and camels and asses: then they began to smite each other, and the whole earth quaked because of them. 3. And as I was beholding in the vision, lo, one of those four who had come forth stoned (them) from [heaven](#), and gathered and took all the great stars whose privy members were like those of horses, and bound them all hand and foot, and cast them in an abyss of the earth.

The Flood

And one of those four went to that white bull and instructed him in a secret, without his being terrified: he was born a bull and became a man, and built for himself a great vessel and dwelt thereon; and three bulls dwelt with him in that vessel and they were covered in. 2. And again I raised mine eyes towards [heaven](#) and saw a lofty roof, with seven water torrents thereon, and those torrents flowed with much water into an enclosure. 3. And I saw again, and behold

fountains were opened on the surface of that great enclosure, and that water began to swell and rise upon the surface, and I saw that enclosure till all its surface was covered with water. 4. And the water, the darkness, and mist increased upon it; and as I looked at the height of that water, that water had risen above the height of that enclosure, and was streaming over that enclosure, and it stood upon the earth. 5. And all the cattle of that enclosure were gathered together until I saw how they sank and were swallowed up and perished in that water. 6. But that vessel floated on the water, while all the oxen and elephants and camels and asses sank to the bottom with all the animals, so that I could no longer see them, and they were not able to escape, (but) perished and sank into the depths. 7. And again I saw in the vision till those water torrents were removed from that high roof, and the chasms of the earth were leveled up and other abysses were opened. 8. Then the water began to run down into these, till the earth became visible; but that vessel settled on the earth, and the darkness retired and light appeared. 9. But that white bull which had become a man came out of that vessel, and the three bulls with him, and one of those three was white like that bull, and one of them was red as blood, and one black: and that white bull departed from them.

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, 12 Sons

10. And they began to bring forth beasts of the field and birds, so that there arose different genera: lions, tigers, wolves, dogs, hyenas, wild boars, foxes, squirrels, swine, falcons, vultures, kites, eagles, and ravens; and among them was born a white bull. 11. And they began to bite one another; but that white bull which was born amongst them begat a wild ass and a white bull with it, and the wild asses multiplied. 12. But that bull which was born from him begat a black wild boar and a white sheep; and the former begat many boars, but that sheep begat twelve sheep. 13. And when those twelve sheep had grown, they gave up one of them to the asses, and those asses again gave up that sheep to the wolves, and that sheep grew up among the wolves. 14. And the [Lord](#) brought the eleven sheep to live with it and to pasture with it among the wolves: and they multiplied and became many flocks of sheep.

Moses

15. And the wolves began to fear them, and they oppressed them until they destroyed their little ones, and they cast their young into a river of much water: but those sheep began to cry aloud on account of their little ones, and to complain unto their [Lord](#). 16. And a sheep which had been saved from the wolves fled and escaped to the wild asses; and I saw the sheep how they lamented and cried, and besought their [Lord](#) with all their might, till that [Lord](#) of the sheep descended at the voice of the sheep from a lofty abode, and came to them and pastured them. 17. And He called that sheep which had escaped the wolves, and spake with it concerning the wolves that it should admonish them not to touch the sheep. 18. And the sheep went to the wolves according to the word of the [Lord](#), and another sheep met it and went with it, and the two went and entered together into the assembly of those wolves, and spake with them and admonished them not to touch the sheep from henceforth. 19. And thereupon I saw the wolves, and how they oppressed the sheep exceedingly with all their power; and the sheep cried aloud. 20. And the [Lord](#) came to the sheep and they began to smite those wolves: and the wolves began to make lamentation; but the sheep became quiet and forthwith ceased to cry out. 21. And I saw the sheep till they departed from amongst the wolves; but the eyes of the wolves were blinded, and those wolves departed in pursuit of the sheep with all their power. 22. And the [Lord](#) of the sheep went with them, as their leader, and all His sheep followed Him: and his face was dazzling and glorious and terrible to behold. 23. But the wolves began to pursue those sheep till they reached a sea of water. 24. And that sea was divided, and the water stood on this side and on that before their face, and their [Lord](#) led them and placed Himself between them and the wolves. 25. And as those wolves did not yet see the sheep, they proceeded into the midst of that sea, and the wolves followed the sheep, and **[those wolves]** ran after them into that sea. 26. And when they saw the [Lord](#) of the sheep, they turned to flee before His face, but that sea gathered itself together, and became as it had been created, and the water swelled and rose till it covered those wolves. 27. And I saw till all the wolves who pursued those sheep perished and were drowned.

Wilderness

28. But the sheep escaped from that water and went forth into a wilderness, where there was no water and no grass; and they began to open their eyes and to see; and I saw the [Lord](#) of the sheep pasturing them and giving them water and grass, and that sheep going and leading them. 29. And that sheep ascended to the summit of that lofty rock, and the [Lord](#) of the sheep sent it to them. 30. And after that I saw the [Lord](#) of the sheep who stood before them, and His appearance was great and terrible and majestic, and all those sheep saw Him and were afraid before His face. 31. And they all feared and trembled because of Him, and they cried to that sheep with them **[which was amongst them]**: 'We are not able to stand before our [Lord](#) or to behold Him.' 32. And that sheep which led them again ascended to the summit of that rock, but the sheep began to be blinded and to wander from the way which he had showed them, but

that sheep wot not thereof. 33. And the [Lord](#) of the sheep was wrathful exceedingly against them, and that sheep discovered it, and went down from the summit of the rock, and came to the sheep, and found the greatest part of them blinded and fallen away. 34. And when they saw it they feared and trembled at its presence, and desired to return to their folds. 35. And that sheep took other sheep with it, and came to those sheep which had fallen away, and began to slay them; and the sheep feared its presence, and thus that sheep brought back those sheep that had fallen away, and they returned to their folds. 36. And I saw in this vision till that sheep became a man and built a house for the [Lord](#) of the sheep, and placed all the sheep in that house. 37. And I saw till this sheep which had met that sheep which led them fell asleep: and I saw till all the great sheep perished and little ones arose in their place, and they came to a pasture, and approached a stream of water. 38. Then that sheep, their leader which had become a man, withdrew from them and fell asleep, and all the sheep sought it and cried over it with a great crying. 39. And I saw till they left off crying for that sheep and crossed that stream of water, and there arose the two sheep as leaders in the place of those which had led them and fallen asleep (lit. ' had fallen asleep and led them '). 40. And I saw till the sheep came to a goodly place, and a pleasant and glorious land, and I saw till those sheep were satisfied; and that house stood amongst them in the pleasant land.

Judges

41. And sometimes their eyes were opened, and sometimes blinded, till another sheep arose and led them and brought them all back, and their eyes were opened.

Saul and David

42. And the dogs and the foxes and the wild boars began to devour those sheep till the [Lord](#) of the sheep raised up [another sheep] a ram from their midst, which led them. 43. And that ram began to butt on either side those dogs, foxes, and wild boars till he had destroyed them all. 44. And that sheep whose eyes were opened saw that ram, which was amongst the sheep, till it forsook its glory and began to butt those sheep, and trampled upon them, and behaved itself unseemly. 45. And the [Lord](#) of the sheep sent the lamb to another lamb and raised it to being a ram and leader of the sheep instead of that ram which had forsaken its glory. 46. And it went to it and spake to it alone, and raised it to being a ram, and made it the prince and leader of the sheep; but during all these things those dogs oppressed the sheep. 47. And the first ram pursued that second ram, and that second ram arose and fled before it; and I saw till those dogs pulled down the first ram. 48. And that second ram arose and led the [little] sheep. 49. And those sheep grew and multiplied; but all the dogs, and foxes, and wild boars feared and fled before it, and that ram butted and killed the wild beasts, and those wild beasts had no longer any power among the sheep and robbed them no more of ought. 48b. And that ram begat many sheep and fell asleep; and a little sheep became ram in its stead, and became prince and leader of those sheep.

Solomon

50. And that house became great and broad, and it was built for those sheep: (and) a tower lofty and great was built on the house for the [Lord](#) of the sheep, and that house was low, but the tower was elevated and lofty, and the [Lord](#) of the sheep stood on that tower and they offered a full table before Him.

From Solomon to the Babylonian Captivity

51. And again I saw those sheep that they again erred and went many ways, and forsook that their house, and the [Lord](#) of the sheep called some from amongst the sheep and sent them to the sheep, but the sheep began to slay them. 52. And one of them was saved and was not slain, and it sped away and cried aloud over the sheep; and they sought to slay it, but the [Lord](#) of the sheep saved it from the sheep, and brought it up to me, and caused it to dwell there. 53. And many other sheep He sent to those sheep to testify unto them and lament over them. 54. And after that I saw that when they forsook the house of the [Lord](#) and His tower they fell away entirely, and their eyes were blinded; and I saw the [Lord](#) of the sheep how He wrought much slaughter amongst them in their herds until those sheep invited that slaughter and betrayed His place. 55. And He gave them over into the hands of the lions and tigers, and wolves and hyenas, and into the hand of the foxes, and to all the wild beasts, and those wild beasts began to tear in pieces those sheep. 56. And I saw that He forsook that their house and their tower and gave them all into the hand of the lions, to tear and devour them, into the hand of all the wild beasts. 57. And I began to cry aloud with all my power, and to appeal to the [Lord](#) of the sheep, and to represent to Him in regard to the sheep that they were devoured by all the wild beasts. 58. But He remained unmoved, though He saw it, and rejoiced that they were devoured and swallowed and robbed, and left them to be devoured in the hand of all the beasts. 59. And He called seventy shepherds, and cast

those sheep to them that they might pasture them, and He spake to the shepherds and their companions: ' Let each individual of you pasture the sheep henceforward, and everything that I shall command you that do ye. 60. And I will deliver them over unto you duly numbered, and tell you which of them are to be destroyed-and them destroy ye.' 61. And He gave over unto them those sheep. And He called another and spake unto him: ' Observe and mark everything that the shepherds will do to those sheep; for they will destroy more of them than I have commanded them. 62. And every excess and the destruction which will be wrought through the shepherds, record (namely) how many they destroy according to my command, and how many according to their own caprice: record against every individual shepherd all the destruction he effects. 63. And read out before me by number how many they destroy, and how many they deliver over for destruction, that I may have this as a testimony against them, and know every deed of the shepherds, that I may comprehend and see what they do, whether or not they abide by my command which I have commanded them. 64. But they shall not know it, and thou shalt not declare it to them, nor admonish them, but only record against each individual all the destruction which the shepherds effect each in his time and lay it all before me.' 65. And I saw till those shepherds pastured in their season, and they began to slay and to destroy more than they were bidden, and they delivered those sheep into the hand of the lions. 66. And the lions and tigers eat and devoured the greater part of those sheep, and the wild boars eat along with them; and they burnt that tower and demolished that house. 67. And I became exceedingly sorrowful over that tower because that house of the sheep was demolished, and afterwards I was unable to see if those sheep entered that house.

68. And the shepherds and their associates delivered over those sheep to all the wild beasts, to devour them, and each one of them received in his time a definite number: it was written by the other in a book how many each one of them destroyed of them. 69. And each one slew and destroyed many more than was prescribed; and I began to weep and lament on account of those sheep. 70. And thus in the vision I saw that one who wrote, how he wrote down every one that was destroyed by those shepherds, day by day, and carried up and laid down and showed actually the whole book to the [Lord](#) of the sheep-(even) everything that they had done, and all that each one of them had made away with, and all that they had given over to destruction. 71. And the book was read before the [Lord](#) of the sheep, and He took the book from his hand and read it and sealed it and laid it down.

70 Year Captivity

72. And forthwith I saw how the shepherds pastured for twelve hours, and behold three of those sheep turned back and came and entered and began to build up all that had fallen down of that house; but the wild boars tried to hinder them, but they were not able. 73. And they began again to build as before, and they reared up that tower, and it was named the high tower; and they began again to place a table before the tower, but all the bread on it was polluted and not pure. 74.

And as touching all this the eyes of those sheep were blinded so that they saw not, and (the eyes of) their shepherds likewise; and they delivered them in large numbers to their shepherds for destruction, and they trampled the sheep with their feet and devoured them. 75. And the [Lord](#) of the sheep remained unmoved till all the sheep were dispersed over the field and mingled with them (i.e. the beasts), and they (i.e. the shepherds) did not save them out of the hand of the beasts. 76. And this one who wrote the book carried it up, and showed it and read it before the [Lord](#) of the sheep, and implored Him on their account, and besought Him on their account as he showed Him all the doings of the shepherds, and gave testimony before Him against all the shepherds. 77. And he took the actual book and laid it down beside Him and departed.

Captivity to Seleucids

1. And I saw till that in this manner thirty-five shepherds undertook the pasturing (of the sheep), and they severally completed their periods as did the first; and others received them into their hands, to pasture them for their period, each shepherd in his own period. 2. And after that I saw in my vision all the birds of [heaven](#) coming, the eagles, the vultures, the kites, the ravens; but the eagles led all the birds; and they began to devour those sheep, and to pick out their eyes and to devour their flesh. 3. And the sheep cried out because their flesh was being devoured by the birds, and as for me I looked and lamented in my sleep over that shepherd who pastured the sheep. 4. And I saw until those sheep were devoured by the dogs and eagles and kites, and they left neither flesh nor skin nor sinew remaining on them till only their bones stood there: and their bones too fell to the earth and the sheep became few. 5. And I saw until that twenty-three had undertaken the pasturing and completed in their several periods fifty-eight times.

Maccabees

6. But behold lambs were borne by those white sheep, and they began to open their eyes and to see, and to cry to the sheep. 7. Yea, they cried to them, but they did not hearken to what they said to them, but were exceedingly deaf, and their eyes were very exceedingly blinded. 8. And I saw in the vision how the ravens flew upon those lambs and took one of those lambs, and dashed the sheep in pieces and devoured them. 9. And I saw till horns grew upon those lambs, and the ravens cast down their horns; and I saw till there sprouted a great horn of one of those sheep, and their eyes were opened. 10. And it looked at them [and their eyes opened], and it cried to the sheep, and the rams saw it and all ran to it. 11. And notwithstanding all this those eagles and vultures and ravens and kites still kept tearing the sheep and swooping down upon them and devouring them: still the sheep remained silent, but the rams lamented and cried out. 12. And those ravens fought and battled with it and sought to lay low its horn, but they had no power over it. 13. And I saw till the shepherds and eagles and those vultures and kites came, and they cried to the ravens that they should break the horn of that ram, and they battled and fought with it, and it battled with them and cried that its help might come. 16. All the eagles and vultures and ravens and kites were gathered together, and there came with them all the sheep of the field, yea, they all came together, and helped each other to break that horn of the ram. 19. And I saw till a great sword was given to the sheep, and the sheep proceeded against all the beasts of the field to slay them, and all the beasts and the birds of the [heaven](#) fled before their face.

14. And I saw till that man, who wrote down the names of the shepherds [and] carried up unto the presence of the [Lord](#) of the sheep [came and helped it and showed it everything: he had come down for the help of that ram]. 15. And I saw till the [Lord](#) of the sheep came unto them in wrath, and all who saw Him fled, and they all fell into His shadow from before His face. 17. And I saw that man, who wrote the book according to the command of the [Lord](#), till he opened that book concerning the destruction which those twelve last shepherds had wrought, and showed that they had destroyed much more than their predecessors, before the [Lord](#) of the sheep. 18. And I saw till the [Lord](#) of the sheep came unto them and took in His hand the staff of his wrath, and smote the earth, and the earth clave asunder, and all the beasts and all the birds of the [heaven](#) fell from among those sheep, and were swallowed up in the earth and it covered them. 20.

Judgement of the Fallen Angels

And I saw till a throne was erected in the pleasant land, and the [Lord](#) of the sheep sat Himself thereon, and the other took the sealed books and opened those books before the [Lord](#) of the sheep. 21. And the [Lord](#) called those men the seven first white ones, and commanded that they should bring before Him, beginning with the first star which led the way, all the stars whose privy members were like those of horses, and they brought them all before Him. 22. And He said to that man who wrote before Him, being one of those seven white ones, and said unto him: 'Take those seventy shepherds to whom I delivered the sheep, and who taking them on their own authority slew more than I commanded them.' 23. And behold they were all bound, I saw, and they all stood before Him. 24. And the judgement was held first over the stars, and they were judged and found guilty, and went to the place of condemnation, and they were cast into an abyss, full of fire and flaming, and full of pillars of fire. 25. And those seventy shepherds were judged and found guilty, and they were cast into that fiery abyss. 26. And I saw at that time how a like abyss was opened in the midst of the earth, full of fire, and they brought those blinded sheep, and they were all judged and found guilty and cast into this fiery abyss, and they burned; now this abyss was to the right of that house. 27. And I saw those sheep burning and their bones burning.

Destruction of Jerusalem

28. And I stood up to see till they folded up that old house; and carried off all the pillars, and all the beams and ornaments of the house were at the same time folded up with it, and they carried it off and laid it in a place in the south of the land.

Church

29. And I saw till the [Lord](#) of the sheep brought a new house greater and loftier than that first, and set it up in the place of the first which had been folded up: all its pillars were new, and its ornaments were new and larger than those of the first, the old one which He had taken away, and all the sheep were within it. 30. And I saw all the sheep which had been left, and all the beasts on the earth, and all the birds of the [heaven](#), falling down and doing homage to those sheep and making petition to and obeying them in every thing. 31. And thereafter those three who were clothed in white and had seized me by my hand [who had taken me up before], and the hand of that ram also seizing hold of me,

they took me up and set me down in the midst of those sheep before the judgement took place. 32. And those sheep were all white, and their wool was abundant and clean. 33. And all that had been destroyed and dispersed, and all the beasts of the field, and all the birds of the [heaven](#), assembled in that house, and the [Lord](#) of the sheep rejoiced with great joy because they were all good and had returned to His house. 34. And I saw till they laid down that sword, which had been given to the sheep, and they brought it back into the house, and it was sealed before the presence of the [Lord](#), and all the sheep were invited into that house, but it held them not. 35. And the eyes of them all were opened, and they saw the good, and there was not one among them that did not see. 36. And I saw that that house was large and broad and very full. 37. And I saw that a white bull was born, with large horns and all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air feared him and made petition to him all the time. 38. And I saw till all their generations were transformed, and they all became white bulls; and the first among them became a lamb, and that lamb became a great animal and had great black horns on its head; and the [Lord](#) of the sheep rejoiced over it and over all the oxen. 39. And I slept in their midst: and I awoke and saw everything. 40. This is the vision which I saw while I slept, and I awoke and blessed the [Lord](#) of righteousness and gave Him glory. 41. Then I wept with a great weeping and my tears stayed not till I could no longer endure it: when I saw, they flowed on account of what I had seen; for everything shall come and be fulfilled, and all the deeds of men in their order were shown to me. 42. On that night I remembered the first dream, and because of it I wept and was troubled-because I had seen that vision.

Evil will increase

1. And now, my son Methuselah, call to me all thy brothers
And gather together to me all the sons of thy mother;
For the word calls me,
And the spirit is poured out upon me,
That I may show you everything
That shall befall you for ever.'

2. And there upon Methuselah went and summoned to him all his brothers and assembled his relatives.
3. And he spake unto all the children of righteousness and said:

'Hear, ye sons of [Enoch](#), all the words of your father,
And hearken aright to the voice of my mouth;
For I exhort you and say unto you, beloved:

4. Love uprightness and walk therein.
And draw not nigh to uprightness with a double heart,
And associate not with those of a double heart,

But walk in righteousness, my sons.
And it shall guide you on good paths,
And righteousness shall be your companion.

Seventh Week - A great chastisement

5. For I know that violence must increase on the earth,
And a great chastisement be executed on the earth,
And all unrighteousness come to an end:

Yea, it shall be cut off from its roots,
And its whole structure be destroyed.

6. And unrighteousness shall again be consummated on the earth,
And all the deeds of unrighteousness and of violence
And transgression shall prevail in a twofold degree.

7. And when sin and unrighteousness and blasphemy
And violence in all kinds of deeds increase,
And apostasy and transgression and uncleanness increase,

A great chastisement shall come from [heaven](#) upon all these,
And the holy [Lord](#) will come forth with wrath and chastisement
To execute judgement on earth.

The people purified and refined

8. In those days violence shall be cut off from its roots,
And the roots of unrighteousness together with deceit,
And they shall be destroyed from under [heaven](#).

9. And all the idols of the heathen shall be abandoned,
And the temples burned with fire,
And they shall remove them from the whole earth,

And they (i.e. the heathen) shall be cast into the judgement of fire,
And shall perish in wrath and in grievous judgement for ever.

10. And the righteous shall arise from their sleep,
And wisdom shall arise and be given unto them.

11. [And after that the roots of unrighteousness shall be cut off, and the sinners shall be destroyed by the sword { . .
.}shall be cut off from the blasphemers in every place, and those who plan violence and those who commit blasphemy
shall perish by the sword.]

Eighth week – Righteousness

12. And after that there shall be another, the eighth week, that of righteousness,
And a sword shall be given to it that a righteous judgement may be executed on the oppressors,
And sinners shall be delivered into the hands of the righteous.

13. And at its close they shall acquire houses through their righteousness,
And a house shall be built for the Great King in glory for evermore,
14d. And all mankind shall look to the path of uprightness.

Ninth Week: Cleansing of the Earth

14a. And after that, in the ninth week, the righteous judgement shall be revealed to the whole world,
14b. And all the works of the godless shall vanish from all the earth,
14c. And the world shall be written down for destruction.

Tenth Week – Eternal Judgement - New Heavens and Earth

15. And after this, in the tenth week in the seventh part,
There shall be the great eternal judgement,
In which He will execute vengeance amongst the [angels](#).

16. And the first [heaven](#) shall depart and pass away,
And a new [heaven](#) shall appear,
And all the powers of the heavens shall give sevenfold light.

17. And after that there will be many weeks without number for ever,
And all shall be in goodness and righteousness,
And sin shall no more be mentioned for ever.

Commentary.

Divisions of time into weeks are not stipulated in the first part of the prophecy. Division into weeks only appears at the end where we are told there are a total of 10 weeks from Adam until the New Heaven and New Earth.

The Chastisement takes place immediately before the 8th week, so we can assume it is during the seventh week.

How Long is a Week?

In the first part of the prophecy, we are given the duration of the Babylonian captivity, which is said to last “12 hours”. The captivity lasted 70 years, so 70 years is symbolically represented by 12 hours. This means that a week (168 hours) is equivalent to $70 \times 168 / 12 = (980)$ approximately 1000 years.

We are also given a duration of 58 periods during the time from the end of the captivity to the Seleucids. This period of history was from 537 B.C. to 198 B.C. – a period of 339 years. It follows that if the “58 periods” represents the entirety of this period, a week (168 hours) is equivalent to $168 / 58 \times 339 = (981)$ approximately 1000 years

If this is the case then the chastisement begins 6000 years after Adam = 2000 A.D., and we are now in the seventh week.

Week 1 :	Adam	4000 – 3000 B.C.	Bulls and Cows
Week 2 :	Nephilim	3000 – 2000 B.C.	Beasts
Week 3 :	Abraham to David	2000 – 1000 B.C	Sheep
Week 4 :	David to Messiah	1000 – 0 B.C.	Sheep and Shepherds
Week 5 , 6 :	Increase in evil	0 B.c – 2000 A.D.	
Week 7 :	Chastisement	2000 – 3000 A.D.	
Week 8 :	Righteousness	3000 – 4000 A.D.	
Week 9 :	Cleansing of Earth	4000 – 5000 A.D.	
Week 10 :	New Heavens	6000 A.D.	

The first 4 weeks also divide by animal type.

The Animal Apocalypse is a brief overview of the span of human history from Creation to the New Heavens and Earth. A Messiah appears after 4000 years (0 B.C.), and returns after 6000 years (2000 A.D.) to bring chastisement (Tribulation) – which is accompanied by the end of violence (war) and the eradication of the causes of evil.

The chastisement does not sound like a punishment for the sake of retribution, but rather for the sake of reformation - a time of purification and refinement, where the bad systems and causes of evil are removed.

Essenes

The Essenes preserved the school of the prophets. Elijah ran a school of the prophets, and Josephus stated there was a prophetic work called the Epistle of Elijah that still existed in his day. The Ethiopian Orthodox church has an epistle called the Epistle of Elijah in its cannon, but it is incomplete. However, there is a commentary on the Epistle of Elijah called the Tannah Eliyahu. It is obvious that it has been edited by rabbis over the centuries, but it still contains commentary about the ages as taught by the School of Elijah. **Tannah Eliyahu** is thought to have been written between the third and tenth centuries AD. It reads:

"It was taught in the school of Elijah: The world will endure six thousand years: two thousand desolation, two thousand Torah, two thousand the messianic age, but because of our many sins some of [those final two thousand years] have already passed."

The seven thousand years of human history were split into three periods of two thousand years and one final period of one thousand years called "ages." This final thousand-year stretch was seen as the ultimate sabbath.

The epistle taught that human history would be divided into four "ages."

1. The first age was called the Age of Chaos and was a period of two thousand years. It started with Creation and ended with the call of Abraham. According to Jasher, God called Abraham in the year 2000 AM.
2. The second age was also to last two thousand years. It was called the Age of Torah and was supposed to exist from the call of Abraham to the first coming of the Messiah.
3. When Messiah came it would start the third age which was called the Age of Grace. This Age of Grace was also called the temporary messianic period. We are not told why in the commentary, but the Essenes believed it was because the Messiah would die for our sins at his First Coming and rule as king at his Second Coming. The third age was to last for two thousand years.
4. After the Age of Grace there would be a Messianic Kingdom which would last for one thousand years. The total duration of these ages is 7000 years.

New Testament

Sabbatical Nature of the Kingdom of the Messiah

Jesus began his mission by quoting Isaiah 61

Isaiah 61:1-7 LXX 1 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me; he has sent me to preach glad tidings to the poor, to heal the broken in heart, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind; 2 to declare the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of recompence; to comfort all that mourn; 3 that there should be given to them that mourn in Sion glory instead of ashes, the oil of joy to the mourners, the garment of glory for the spirit of heaviness: and they shall be called generations of righteousness, the planting of the Lord for glory. 4 And they shall build the old waste places, they shall raise up those that were before made desolate, and shall renew the desert cities, even those that had been desolate for many generations. 5 And strangers shall come and feed thy flocks, and aliens shall be thy ploughmen and vine-dressers. 6 But ye shall be called priests of the Lord, the ministers of God: ye shall eat the strength of nations, and shall be admired because of their wealth. 7 Thus shall they inherit the land a second time, and everlasting joy shall be upon their head."

Compare this passage with the following instructions for the Jubilee year.

Lev. 25:8-11 NKJV 8 "And you shall count seven sabbaths of years for yourself, seven times seven years; and the time of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty-nine years. 9 Then you shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land. 10 And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family.

It is evident from the similarity that Jesus's mission was to bring rest, forgiveness and freedom from captivity – a sabbath of sabbaths (a Jubilee). He brings atonement. It is no coincidence that the Jubilee trumpet is only sounded on Yom Kippur.

Paul tells us that *"the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now"* ([Rom. 8:22](#)), which means that the creation has not yet entered into the rest that the Scriptures mandate ([Isa. 11:10](#); [14:7](#); [44:21-](#)

[23](#); [49:13](#); [55:12](#)). This rest will occur under the rule of Jesus when He returns and sets up the promised kingdom on earth for **one thousand years** ([Rev. 20:1-7](#))

Interestingly, in [Hebrews 4:4, 11](#), the seventh day of the week is pictured as a type of the peaceful "rest" on earth which will follow Christ's return! Being a time of "rest" ([Heb. 4:4-11](#)). This passage is comparing three "rests." The weekly Sabbath rest and the rest for the Israelites after they ceased from wandering and entered the Promised Land of Canaan are types of the ultimate "rest for the people of God" after they enter the Kingdom of God! (Hebrews 4:9).

The other 6 days

The millennial reign of Christ as recorded in Revelation is said to last 1000 years.

*Rev 20:3-6 The angel then threw him into the abyss and locked and sealed it so that he could not deceive the nations **until the one thousand years were finished**. (After these things he must be released for a brief period of time.) 6 Blessed and holy is the one who takes part[m] in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will **reign with him for a thousand years**.*

If this millennial reign is a Sabbath lasting 1000 years, then this suggests that the preceding time span would be 6 "days" each of 1000 years also. If God's 7th day of Rest is an equal time unit to the preceding 6 days, then we could expect 6 equivalent time units to precede Jesus Christ's 1,000 year reign on Earth. Victorinus of Pettau, who wrote the oldest known commentary on the book of Revelation around AD 260, wrote:

He says, the thousand years should be completed, that is, what is left of the sixth day...which subsists for a thousand

years . (Commentary on Revelation, 20:1–3)

Apocalyptic Books of the New Testament

There are three books in the New Testament that are focused completely on the apocalyptic events of the last days; these are 2 Peter, Jude and Revelations.

Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. ⁴ They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.” ⁵ But they deliberately forget that long ago by God’s word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. [in 7 days] ⁶ By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. [after 7 “days”] ⁷ By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. [also after 7 “days” : after the Sabbath of the Messianic reign]

⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. [1 “day” = 1000 years]

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. [\[a\]](#) (2 Peter 3)

This passage mentions two previous events – the Creation of the Heavens and earth (in 7 days), and the Deluge (which we have seen happened after 7 “days”). Then it immediately says – in the same way the heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgement. Revelations tells us that this occurs after the 1000 year sabbath of the Messiah’s reign, so is also after 7 “days”.

Then, in the very next sentence, Peter tells us not to forget this ONE THING – with the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.

This suggests that the day of judgement will occur after 7000 years, each day being equal to a 1000 years.