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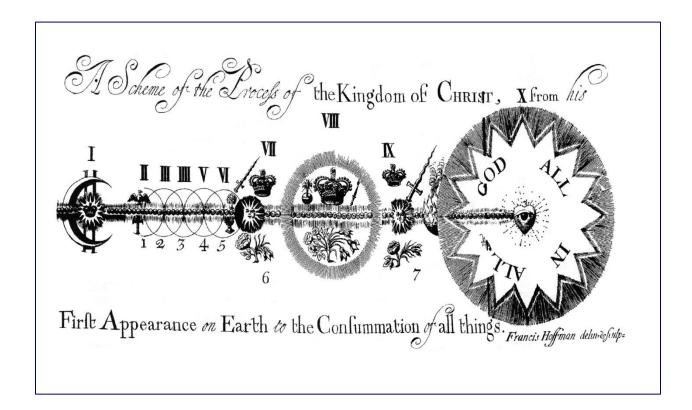
Shake, shake your earthly dust away Now it's the Spirit's Day, that will admit of no delay. The Eight Worlds

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## Chart of the Kingdom of Christ and its Explication by Richard Roach

(A larger view of this chart is on the last page.)

The Great Crisis (1725) is Part 1 of a 2-part work; The Imperial Standard of Messiah Triumphant is Part 2. As an Appendix to Pt 1 and Introduction to Pt 2, Roach presents an account of the series, succession, and peculiar characters of the several ages or periods of the Christian Church, as represented by the Seven Churches of Asia, from the time of Christ's coming in the flesh to His Second Appearance in His Millennial Kingdom, and from there to the end of this world, and the consummation of all things.



## The Explication

[GC 9:137] §.The Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, which are *underneath* the Circles, denote the Seven *Church-States*, as considered distinctly by themselves, viz. Of *Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamus, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea*.

[GC 9:138] §.The *Numeral Letters above* the Circles represent the gradual stages of the *Process of Christ* through the several Church Periods; or the time from His *Birth* to His *Temporal Kingdom*; and from there to the *Consummation of All Things*.

[GC 9:139] §.Roman Numeral I, represents the *Life of Jesus Christ*, signified by the letter C upon the erect bar of the *Cross;* making the usual *figure* denoting *Jesus Christ*. In the center of the Cross is a *Little Sun* and *Crown*, as the more Hidden or *Central Seed*, from which, through the Sufferings of Christ, in His own person, and in and with the Church in its succeeding Periods, the Crown and Glory of His *Kingdom at Large* has its *Rise*.

[GC 9:140] §.Roman Numeral II (below, 1), represents the *Ephesine* Church-State, beginning from the Time of *Pentecost*, or the *Foundation* of the Church by the *Spirit* through the *Apostles*. It has the *Dove* and the *Cross* for its *emblems*, signifying the descent of the *Holy Ghost*, and the consignment of the Church to *suffer* in conformity to *Christ* its Head.

[GC 9:141] §.Roman Numerals III, IV, V, VI (below, 2, 3, 4, 5), denote the Church States of *Smyrna*, *Pergamus*, *Thyatira*, and *Sardis*, proceeding interwoven with each other, the following still beginning in the Center of the preceding; considered here as in succession after the *Life of Christ* in His *Suffering-State*, and reaching to the Time of *Preparation* for His *Triumphant* here on *Earth*.

[GC 9:142] §.Roman Numeral VII (below, 6), is the *Sixth* Church State, *viz.* of *Philadelphia*, which is the *Seventh* course or state in the process as taking in the Life of *Christ*. And which obtains in the virtue of the Seventh Number the *Sabbatic* Blessing, by supplanting *Laodicea*, as before shown. And here the ordinary course of Church Time is *interrupted*, and through the powers of the Kingdom beginning to appear therein, its Circle is extended, and still widens, and at last reaches into the Kingdom itself.

[GC 9:143] §.In the former part of this Circle, which proceeds concurrent, as in an Inner Court, with the latter part of *Sardis*, are placed, as proper Emblems, the *Candlestick*, and the *Olive Tree*, representing the rise of the *Revelation Witnesses* to the Kingdom of Christ at Hand. And in that part where *Sardis* ends appears a darkness, which denotes the *Judgment-Work*, and the Great Hour of Temptation, preceding, and as the *Travail* for the Birth and Introduction of the Kingdom. This work of Judgment with the relation to *Sardis ending*, is indicated by the *Flaming Sword*, which also represents the *Davidical Wars* in *Spirit*, carried on by the *Philadelphian Conquerors* against the *Powers of Darkness* breaking forth in opposition to the Kingdom of Christ.

[GC 9:144] §.Where *Sardis* expires, and after the thick darkness of the Judgment-Work, which is increased to greater vehemence, and also reaches more inwardly in the *Spiritual* Part, by the Power and Spirit of *Laodicea* breaking in, and contending a while for succession, but repelled, and the

Judgment outwrestled, by the Power and Spirit of *Philadelphia*, appears the *Sun* breaking forth, and shining without interruption, and above it also a Crown. These as the Little Central Sun and Crown in the Cross of the first circle, coming to *Manifestation* and Enlargement. And by this Sun and Crown is indicated the Glory of the Davidical Kingdom preceding the Solomonitical. Underneath the Sun appears the Rose and Lily united, as growing out of one and the same Root, denoting the great powers of Holy Love, and Spiritual Union, or the Sacred Nuptial Powers introduced into this Principle from the Father's and the Virgin-Wisdom's Day proceeding. Which Day, on account of the Manifestation of the Superior *Heavenly Bride*, uniting with the inferior, the *Church* prepared on Earth, is called, the Glorious *Time of the Lily*.

[GC 9:145] §.Roman Numeral VIII, shows the Harmonious Octave, wherein the same returns again, as the process of the Kingdom bears a relation to that of the Seven Notes in the Scale of Music; where the First returns and rests in the Eighth. So here Jesus Christ in the First Circle represented as Suffering, yet thereby conquering, and harmonizing the discord of corrupt nature, returns and rests in the full Harmonious *Octave*, in His Kingdom of perfect *Peace* and Love.

[GC 9:146] §. Accordingly this full and large Circle represents the time and state of the Solomonitical Kingdom. Wherein all the contrariety of sin and suffering, and the Davidical Wars, totally expire into Peace, Harmony and *Love* Triumphant, as the Fruit of Conquest, or the Reward and *Crown* of Suffering Love. Here then the Marriage of the Lamb is celebrated in full, as it were in an Eon of Eternity descending into time: And this Glorious Day of Celebration and Consummation of Divine Loves between the Victorious King and His also Victorious, and now Spotless Bride, becomes a THOUSAND YEARS; And a Thousand Years of such transcendent joy and glory become but as ONE DAY.

[GC 9:147] §.For this Christ descends, in and with the New Jerusalem, with an innumerable company of Saints and Angels, and with Him appear also the departed Saints, all in their Resurrection Bodies: For all the Saints, as the Glorious Kingdom of Messiah has been the subject of their Faith and *Prayers*, will have their part in this His *Temporal* Kingdom also.

[GC 9:148] §.This Kingdom will be erected, and the Sacred Nuptials solemnized in the *Inner* Court of the *Philadelphian* State; not visible to, as not bearable by those in the *Outer*: only as the Mighty Powers and Effects of it daily seen, and many Wonderful Appearances, and Flashes of the Divine Glory frequently given forth, shall convince the World of the more immediate Presence of their Lord and King.

[GC 9:149] §.Accordingly the Emblems representing this Glorious State are the Great Imperial Crown and Sceptre, and the Globe of the Earth with its Cross Triumphant, with Rays of Light encompassing it; denoting *Universal Monarchy*, or the Reign of Christ to the ends of the Earth, and the Cross, or Suffering State expiring, and Peace and Rest obtained more generally throughout whole Nature; the Author of Evil remaining chained up during this time. This whole Circle is to be apprehended as a Sun of Glory at Large. And in the lower part of the Circle appears the Threefold Rose and Lily, united, and growing from the same Root, expressing the powers of the whole Trinity displayed in the Church, and combining therewith in the embrace of Sacred Love.

[GC 9:150] §. After the *Thousand Years* are ended, *Christ* no longer appears in this manner; but ascends again into the High Eternity, with His Glorious Attendants, and with an Innumerable Company of Saints gathered out of all nations. And thus ends the Solomonitical Reign! But the Davidical Con-

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tinues still: holding out to the end of this world, and Christ's Return again to the General *Judgment*, and the New Creation.

[GC 9:151] §.This re-ascent of Christ with the Saints attending Him, is not to be understood of a re-ascent of the Holy City or the *New Jerusalem;* Which still continues to overshadow and rest upon the *Jerusalem City* and Church remaining on Earth. And this *Jerusalem* Kingdom, and Church State will be chiefly carried on by the *Jews*, to whom in so peculiar a manner the Promise of the Earth belongs, as the *New Canaan* to be made good to them in the highest import; and which probably in the New Creation State, as this Earth shall be made a part of Heaven, will be their *Lot*, or Place of Residence in Eternity.

[GC 9:152] §.This State of the Church, and of the *Davidical* Kingdom, carried on *after* the *Millennium*, is represented in the Figure by the remaining part of the Circle answering to the former part of Philadelphian before it and after.

[GC 9:153] §.Roman Numeral IX, represents, distinguished by their Semicircles, both the latter part of the *Philadelphian*, and the former part of the *Laodicean* Period; Which is here permitted entrance, and proceeds concurrent, as in an *Outer Court*. But in the *Lukewarmness* and ceclension of the *Laodicean*, among the multitudes of all nations gathered to the profession of the Gospel, and submission to the Kingdom, many on the recess of the Great Glory grow remiss, and cool in their First Zeal. Here *Satan* is *Unbound* again, and permitted to go forth, and renew his temptations. Therefore this Church-State declining, and growing still worse and worse, is again *spewed* out of the mouth of *Christ* and cut off in the middle of its course; the latter half being prevented by the General Judgment.

[GC 9:154] §.For here *Satan* after his long restraint comes forth with greater violence, and gathers his army of Gog and *Magog*. These are the *Dogs, and Sorcerers, and Unbelievers*, who are without the Gates of the Holy City (as *Rev* 22:15), being instructed in the *Mysteries* of Iniquity, and in the Dark and *Diabolical Magic*, and with these he comes to fight against the Holy City. But the Blessed Inhabitants thereof, being themselves expert and deeply skilled in the counter active powers of the *Divine Magia*, fight against them in Spirit, and open the Center of the *Divine Wrath* and Judgment upon them, kindling into its aptest *Vehicle* in Outward Nature, and Descending in *Visible Fire* to consume them; After the manner of *Elias* in his Day.

[GC 9:155] And this being the last and greatest effort of Hell, and conflict between the Powers of Light and Darkness, through the Wrath-Fire thus opened on both sides (in both Armies), and the Wrath of God and the Lamb inflamed to the highest degree, the Fire *thus* kindled on Earth, outwardly and materially, and burning to a vast extent proceeds on to the *General Conflagration*. The *Subterraneous* Fires also excited and sympathetically moved by the Great Anger of God, thus kindled in Nature, concurring in violent eruptions through their Old *Volcanos*, or New Ones also, with other providential appointments for this Last Scene of the World. And here the *Great Judge Jesus Christ* Himself appears for entire *Decision* of the long controversy, and descending with His Innumerable Company of Saints and Angels, proceeds to the *Great Assize*, or Final Judgment, both of Men and Angels. And after that, to the New Creation, or the *New Ephesine* State at large.

[GC 9:156] §.The Emblems here, with relation to the latter part of Philadelphia carrying on the *Davidical* Kingdom, are the same as before in the former part, *viz.* the *Lesser Crown*, and *Sun*, and the *Single Rose and Lily*, combining, and growing out of the same Root. And on the account of *Laodicea* concurrent, the Great *Flaming Sword*, and the *Fire* breaking forth, representing the *Conflagration* and *General Judgment*; this answering at large to the darkness or lesser fire of Judgment in *End of* 

Sardis concurrent with *Philadelphia*. And as *that* cleared and opened the way into the *Temporal Kingdom* of Christ on Earth, so does *this* into His *Kingdom in Eternity*. Accordingly,

[GC 9:157] §.Roman Numeral X, represents the *New Creation-State*, the *End* returning into the *Beginning*, God All in All, as the *Sun*, the *Glory*, the Eye of Eternity diffused at large: Wherein is the *Central Eye* and *Heart*, as the Divine *Paternal* and *Filial* Power, united and *concentring* in *Jesus Christ*; with the *Processive Seed*, or Power of the *Spirit* from both united. Whence also proceed the *Little Circles*, or *Centers*, which passing through the Whole Church-Series, become the *Central Power* of the Ages of it proceeding and returning in circulation, through all the Times and Variations of the Church States, as the *Victorious and Overcoming Part*, or the *Spirit of Christ*, which constitutes and conducts the course and periods of it from the Beginning to the End.

[GC 9:158] §.Having thus made the *Preparation*, and given an *Introduction* to the *Second Part* of this Work [The Imperial Standard of Messiah Triumphant], the Remainder, as God shall concur with supply of life and ability, shall also follow in its time.

§. To the Eternal Fountain of Light and Truth, be Glory and Praise for Ever. AMEN.

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