



CHAPTER 1: John's encounter with the risen Christ

The Book of Revelation was written to the seven churches of Asia (today's Turkey). John is experiencing an encounter with JESUS and receives a series of visions that describes His return to the earth—the day of the Lord. The picture of Jesus is a description of His power and glory. The stars represent messengers (Angels) and the lamp stands represent local churches that John oversaw.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, and, What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea. Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this. —Revelation 1:11,19.

The events of the book of Revelation take place over a 7 year period. (We know this from Daniel 9:27 which Jesus mentioned in His prophecy in Matthew 24). The prophecy given by the Angel Gabriel to Daniel (Daniel 9:24-27) reveals a final period of 7 years where God restores the Nation of Israel and pours out His Spirit upon them. All of these judgments fit within a span of 7 years as God judges the nations and restores Israel to fulfill His promises to Abraham.

CHAPTER 2,3: Messages to the 7 churches

The Apostle John is given a word of knowledge and a word of wisdom to each of the churches of Asia. Each church is admonished with these words, “hear what the Spirit says” and “to him that overcomes...” Each of these admonitions we find promises that reveals the future of the church.

- 1) Revelation 2:7 “will eat the tree of life in the midst of paradise.”
- 2) Revelation 2:11 “shall not experience the 2nd death.”
- 3) Revelation 2:17 “shall eat hidden manna, a white stone with a new name.” (Stones served as admission tickets to public festivals and assemblies, this could mean admission to the marriage supper.)
- 4) Revelation 2:26 “shall have power over nations.”
- 5) Revelation 3:5 “shall be clothed, name in the book of life, acknowledged before all of heaven.”
- 6) Revelation 3:12 “shall be a pillar in the New Jerusalem.”
- 7) Revelation 3:21 “shall sit with me on My throne.”

CHAPTER 4,5: The saints caught up to the throne of God



John describes being caught up to heaven and brought before the throne of God. There he witnesses the redeemed of all ages worshipping before the throne of God in Revelation 4 and 5. The symbols of the vision each represent something.

- 1) The throne of God Our Father, the rainbow signifies grace—4:3
- 2) The 24 elders represent the church, they are noted by two things, a white robe which represents the gift righteousness and gold crowns which represents the believers' reward—4:4
- 3) The seven lamps represent the Holy Spirit, seven always speaks of fullness and completion—4:5
- 4) The 4 living creatures are a special class of angels called that are directing worship—4:6,7
- 5) The Lamb is JESUS—5:1-7
- 6) The Song of Redemption can only be sung by believers, which is further proof that the 24 elders represent believers—5:8-14

CHAPTER 6: Jesus Christ releases the seals of judgement

The church is in heaven clothed with the righteousness of Christ and crowned with glory and honor worshiping God the Father who is seated on the throne, with Christ at his right hand.

During the worship, God the Father is handing the scroll to JESUS (the Lamb of God). Christ removes the six seals of judgments revealing what will take place just prior to His return. This period of time is called the hour of tribulation (Revelation 3:10). —Revelations 6

- 1) 1st seal—white horse, antichrist is released to deceive the Nations—6:2
- 2) 2nd seal—red horse, the antichrist brings war—6:4
- 3) 3rd seal—black horse, war brings great famine—6:5,6
- 4) 4th seal—pale horse, death and hell follows, the 4 seals affect 1/4 of the earth—6:7,8
- 5) 5th seal—the martyrdom of believers is a recurring theme in the vision, it reveals that both Jews and Christians will be severely persecuted because of the antichrist.—6:9-11
- 6) 6th seal—toward the end of the tribulation the God of Israel is going to intervene and destroy them that are destroying the earth. He will strike the earth with a series of comets, meteors, and asteroids. (These impacts will affect the earth on a global scale culminating in a global earthquake and the return of Jesus Christ to the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.—6:12-17.



Notice Jesus described cosmic events preceding His return in Matthew 24:29,30, *"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."*

CHAPTER 7: The great harvest of Jews and Gentiles

- 1) 144,000 Jews are sealed (they are born again) and commissioned to preach the Gospel to the Nations. —7:1-8
- 2) Multitudes will be saved out of the tribulation because of their ministry. —7:9-17

CHAPTER 8,9: The 7th seal releases trumpet judgments from the heavens

The seventh seal (7 means completion) releases the trumpet judgments which are seen as an answer to the prayers of the church. The trumpets reveal in more detail the sixth seal of cosmic impacts upon the earth that herald Christ's return. Angel's (not demons) are orchestrating these judgments just as they did in the days of Sodom. —Revelations 8,9

JESUS described these frightening events from the Mount of Olives saying, *"There will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; mens hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken."* — Luke 21:11, 25, 26

All of these trumpet judgments represent "the stars of heaven falling to the earth"



- 1) 1st trumpet—fire and hail burns one third of vegetation burned—8:7
- 2) 2nd trumpet—a mountain thrown into sea turns a third of the seas to blood, and a third of ships are destroyed by tsunami 8:8,9
- 3) 3rd trumpet—a star (called Wormwood meaning bitter) from heaven poisons a third of the fresh waters—8:10,11
- 4) 4th trumpet—third part of the sun, moon and stars darkened causing the days to be shortened—8:12,13
- 5) 5th trumpet—1st woe, the vision of locusts describes the effect of a comet strike opening a deep pit that brings darkness and plague upon men's flesh for 5 months—9:1-12
- 6) 6th trumpet —2nd woe, the vision of a 200,000,000 man army is a picture of a cometary fragments striking the earth and killing 1/3 of the world population in one hour which takes place at the end of the tribulation—9:13-21

CHAPTER 10: The mystery of the little book that John is to eat.

This occurs between the 6th and 7th trumpet. The 7th trumpet heralds the return of Christ at the end of the 7 year tribulation, *"But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets."* —10:1-7

The Apostle John eats the book which tastes sweet but is bitter to the stomach and may refer to the 7 bowl judgments which is poured out at the end the great tribulation. —10:8-10

CHAPTER 11: The two witnesses anointed to preach.

They preach the coming of Christ in the last 42 months of the tribulation from the temple mount. —11:1-14

The seventh angel trumpet blasts brings closure to the tribulation. Notice that the 24 elders (representing the Church of all ages) are in heaven during the 7th angel's trumpet. —11:15-19

Notice verse 15,16 says, *Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"* [16] *And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God,*



CHAPTER 12: The mystery of Israel's persecution

The woman is Israel who flees to a place and is protected for 42 months.

The man-child is Israel's Messiah, Our Lord Jesus. Israel brought the seed of Abraham into for the blessing of the world.

The dragon is Satan who is cast down from heaven and tries to destroy Israel.

CHAPTER 13: The mystery of the beast (ISLAM)

The beast out of the sea represents a political/military alliance of Nations who try to destroy Israel. The 7 headed and 10 horned beast is ferocious like a leopard, bear, and lion. This beast has a history with Israel's past. This is the same description in Daniel 7:1-8. It's location is in the Middle East (the Nations which today are Turkey, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Iran, and Persia.). This beast is led by the Antichrist that persecutes Israel for 42 months.

The 7 heads represent empires who were a "beast" that oppressed Israel throughout history and will be revived in the last days when Israel comes back to the land. There are 7 heads that have persecuted Israel: 1) Egypt 2) Assyria 3) Babylon 4) Media/Persia 5) Greece 6) Rome & Byzantine empire and 7) Turkey (Ottoman Empire). One of the 7 heads will be revived and be called the 8th head. The ten horns are ten kings in the final empire that give their allegiance to the little horn that rises up and plucks out 3 horns, that horn is antichrist. — 13:1-10

The beast out of the earth is a religious system with a false prophet who institutes a mark for its followers to wear in allegiance to the Antichrist. The mark of the beast has been speculated for a long time as a number based on translators using gematria to interpret a verse that was difficult to translate. However there is another valid interpretation that makes things very clear. Islam uses a mark called the shahada that promotes a creed that says, there is no God but Allah and Mohammed is his messenger, which denies Jesus Christ as the Son of God. By accepting the mark one denies that Jesus is God and Christ. It has nothing to do with chip implants. — 13:11-18

The beast that rises up in the last days against Israel is ISLAM.



CHAPTER 14,15: The mystery of a final harvest

The 144,000 Jewish are before the Lord singing a song of victory at the end of 42 months of great tribulation. — 14:1-5

Angels are commissioned to preach during the last 42 months. — 14:6-13

The Son of Man is about to descend with a sharp sickle in His hand to judge the Nations at the battle of Armagedon. — 14:14-20

The sea of glass and fire represents the martyrs singing the victory song. These are people who during the tribulation who overcame the beast. — 15:1-8

CHAPTER 16: The 7th trumpet finishes the mystery of God

The seventh trumpet is the 3rd woe and reveals 7 vial judgments (the days of the 7th trumpet is at the close of the great tribulation when the mystery of God is finished. (Revelations 10:6,7)—Revelations 16. Each of these 7 vial or bowl judgments correspond to the 7 trumpet judgments, there is a cause and effect relationship between the two.

- 1) 1st vial — “noisome” or malignant sores upon men’s flesh — 16:2 (effects of the 1st trumpet)
- 2) 2nd vial — seas turned to blood, nothing left alive — 16:3 (effects of the 2nd trumpet)
- 3) 3rd vial — all fresh water turned to blood — 16:4 (effects of the 3rd trumpet)
- 4) 4th vial — sun scorches men with great heat — 16:8 (effects of the 4th trumpet)
- 5) 5th vial — great darkness over antichrist seat of power (located in the middle east) — 16:10 (effects of the 5th trumpet)
- 6) 6th vial — the Euphrates river is struck and completely dried up to make a way for the armies to march for the battle of Armageddon — 16:12 (effects of the 6th trumpet)
- 7) 7th vial — the final cosmic impact brings 100 pound hail and triggers a global earthquake that brings down the cities of nations and removes mountains and islands, all of this taking place at the battle of armageddon — 16:17-21 (effects of the 7th trumpet)

CHAPTER 17,18: The mystery of Babylon the Great (ISLAM)

Babylon the Great is typified by a Scarlet Woman who rides the beast and is drunk with the blood of the Saints. It is a city in a desert wilderness that has great wealth and influence over nations. It is the center of worship for Islam. Mecca and Medina, Saudi Arabia is the city from which the Spirit of anti-Christ emanates from. It is the location which every Muslim is commanded to face and pray 5 times a day. — 17:1-6



The Beast with 7 heads and 10 horns will destroy the Scarlet Woman, Babylon the Great.—17:7-18

The term beast is used to describe a military/religious system that is empowered by Satan. The beast that "that was, is not, and yet is" is a revived Islamic Empire. The last empire to control Palestine was the Ottomon Empire which it surrendered during WWII to the British.—Revelation 17:8-13



Babylon the Great is destroyed in one hour. The call of repentance is given for Muslim people to come out of Islam and accept the free gift of pardon which is only found in JESUS CHRIST. — 18:1-8

The world mourns over the destruction of the city, Babylon the Great, because its ability to produce wealth is destroyed. — 18:9-20

In Babylon the Great was found the blood of the prophets and saints. Islam has killed over ¼ of a billion people since its beginnings. Islam has its roots in the Baal religion (i.e. Mystery Babylon), it has been counterfeit and rebuttal to the Judeo-Christian faith and will be a driving force in the persecution of believers during the tribulation. — 18:21-24

CHAPTER 19: The glorious return of Jesus Christ & His Church

The church is before the throne of grace rejoicing over God's judgment poured out upon the inhabitants of the earth. The church has received its reward for service, being clothed in fine linen which represents the righteousness of the Saints. The church is now ready to return for the marriage supper of the lamb which begins the millennial reign of Christ. — 19:1-10

The church shouts amen after these judgments, *After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God! For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her." Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!" And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen! Alleluia!"*

Christ and the Church descend from heaven to fight at the battle of Armageddon. — 19:11-21

Now comes the finale and notice what verse 14 says! *Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. [14] And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. ...*

CHAPTER 20: God's Kingdom upon the Earth

- 1) Satan is bound and the millennial Reign of Christ and the Church begins bringing peace, prosperity and the fulfillment of all the promises God made to Abraham's posterity concerning the land. Jerusalem will become the center of worship for all nations throughout the millennium. Israel will be the head of all nations in the Gentiles will bring their wealth and glory to Israel. — 20:1-6



- 2) Satan will be loosed to tempt nations at the end of the millennium. — 20:7-10
- 3) Great White Throne Judgment of all unbelievers takes place at the close of the millennium. — 20:11-15

CHAPTER 21,22: John is given a glimpse of eternity

- 1) God renovates with fire a New Heaven and New Earth. — 21:1-8
- 2) The New Jerusalem comes to the New Earth. — 21:9-27
- 3) The River of Life coming from the Throne. — 22:1-5
- 4) We are given a clear admonition in view of the revelation of JESUS CHRIST. — 22:6-21

Concluding thoughts...

Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” — Revelation 19:10

“Behold, I am coming quickly (suddenly, like a thief in the night)! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.” — Revelation 22:7

“And behold, I am coming quickly (suddenly, like a thief in the night), and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. — Revelation 22:12

And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. — Revelation 22:17